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## MEMORANDUM

**To: Board of Public Works**  
**From: Bernard Lenz, Utilities Manager**  
**Date: 9-31-2020**  
**Subject: La Crosse Riverbank Rip-Rap Project**

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On 3-18-19 the BPW authorized (#19-0334) a quote from the Sanitary Sewer Utility to fix an erosion problem near the Force Main Manholes on the bank of the La Crosse River, across from Riverside Park. Before the work could be complete, the river rose and the area was inundated for an extend time due to the extraordinarily wet year.

Additional damage to the bank occurred during this time resulting in a need for a design to fix the bank, as well as likely a higher cost construction needing a bid and funding source. On 5-18-2020 the BPW authorized and directed (#20-0680) the Engineering Department to design and bid the project.

The Utility has now been told the design is too complex for in-house engineering staff and is thus asking the board to authorize hiring outside Engineering to design a fix. I also request the board to direct Engineering to use this outside design to bid the project and ask the Board to put deadline put on this bid let, so this can be built before next spring, as additional erosion is likely with every subsequent high-water event before the fix is made.