



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Commission Workshop on Next Generation Watershed Management Plan

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 17, 2013

Council Conference Room, Golden Valley City Hall ~ 7800 Golden Valley Rd., Golden Valley MN

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (as needed)

2. Review of Outcomes from Watershed Summit and Commission/TAC/Agency Prioritization

Issue	Citizen Ranking (6/13/13 Summit)	Commission/TAC/Agency Ranking (6/24/13 Workshop)
Medicine Lake Water Levels	1	NA
Degraded Habitats/Lack of Biodiversity	2	5 & 8
Effects of Storm Water and Development	3	1
Degraded Water Quality	4	3
Recreation Needs	5	NA
Lack of Education and Information	6	6
Water Quantity and Flooding	7	2
Governance, Management, Funding	8	7
Actions by Individuals	9	6
Groundwater	10	4
Wetlands	NA	9

3. Final Approval of Watershed Goals

Watershed goals were discussed at the July 18, 2013 Workshop. The following goals were subsequently approved by the Commission at their August 15, 2013 meeting. The underlined goals were held for further discussion by the Plan Steering Committee. They are still in need of approval.

Draft 2014 Plan Goals

- Manage the surface water resources of the watershed to meet or exceed state standards and BCWMC water quality goals for wetlands, lakes, and streams.
- Improve the quality of stormwater runoff reaching the Mississippi River by reducing nonpoint source pollution.
- Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the BCWMC.
- Consider aesthetics and recreational opportunities within the watershed when completing BCWMC projects.
- Reduce stormwater runoff volume for the purposes of improving water quality.
- Reduce flooding along the Bassett Creek trunk system.
- Protect human life, property, and surface water systems that could be damaged by flood events.
- Reduce stormwater runoff rates and volumes to minimize flood problems, flood damages, and the future costs of stormwater management systems.
- Provide leadership and assist member cities with coordination of intercommunity stormwater runoff issues.

- Notwithstanding that which occurs from natural processes, minimize erosion and sedimentation to protect the BCWMC's water resources and health, safety and welfare.
- Maintain or improve shoreland integrity and implement stream restoration measures to maintain or enhance ecological functions as well as human health, safety, and welfare.
- Increase the quality and quantity of wetlands in the BCWMC.
- Protect the quantity and quality of groundwater resources.
- Manage public ditches in a manner that recognizes their current use as urban drainage systems.
- Raise awareness of the BCWMC's existence and its role in protecting and improving water quality, minimizing flooding, and preserving the watershed's ecological functions and aesthetics.
- Strengthen public confidence in the BCWMC's expertise and enable meaningful public participation in the planning process and ongoing projects conducted by the BCWMC.
- Raise awareness of the impact that individuals, businesses, and organizations have upon water resources and motivate these audiences to change personal/corporate behavior that has a negative impact on the watershed.
- Minimize the spread and manage the adverse impacts of harmful aquatic invasive species.
- Develop a greater understanding of climate change and its impact on water resources, including stormwater infrastructure capacity and flooding, and develop strategies to appropriately manage future impacts.

4. Discussion of Watershed Policies

Please consider the questions below for each of the following policy areas noted. Background information on particular areas is included in the *"Background on Policies"* document attached. For further information (as needed), policies related to these areas from the 2004 Watershed Plan along with preliminary draft policies for this Watershed Management Plan are included in the *"2004 Policies with Draft 2014 Policies"* document attached.

- a. Flood Control Project Maintenance and Flood-proofing Program
 1. Does the Commission want to continue to fund the long-term maintenance fund with \$25,000 per year?
 2. Should the ceiling of the long-term maintenance fund be kept at \$1,000,000 (currently at \$570,000)?
 3. Should the emergency fund be increased (currently at \$500,000)?
 4. Does the Commission wish to add a policy to evaluation long-term maintenance and replacement needs and to develop funding mechanisms to accomplish this?
 5. Does the commission still want to fund flood-proofing of individual homes?
- b. Funding of Water Quality Projects
 1. What costs should be eligible for Commission funding through the Capital Improvement Program?
- c. Triggers and Standards
 1. Should the Commission be more, less, or equally as stringent as the MS4 permit that cities currently implement?
 2. What should the triggers be used?
 3. Does the Commission want to be specific about an infiltration or abstraction requirement?
- d. CIP Process
 1. How should the Commission select projects for the Capital Improvement Program?
- e. Pursuit of Taxing Authority
 1. Does the Commission wish to pursue direct taxing authority to eliminate the County process?