In FY 2014, the BCWMC spent approximately $580,000 on activities and programs. Another $138,000 was spent on projects implemented through its capital improvement program (CIP). (As noted above, many CIP projects are in various stages of implementation. This amount was reimbursed to cities through CIP program.) For an itemization or more information on the BCWMC’s 2014 expenditures, see the Financial Information in Appendix A of the annual report.

The BCWMC Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Reporting Requirements as set forth in the Minnesota Rules Chapter 8410.0150, subparts 1, 2, and 3.
Water Quality Activities

In 2014, the BCWMC implemented the following water quality activities:

- Monitored Sweeney Lake and Twin Lake for water quality, plankton, and aquatic plants
- Participated in Metropolitan Council Environmental Services’ Citizen-Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP) for six lakes
- Performed continuous stream monitoring on Bassett Creek, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services
- Provided funding for the Hennepin County’s River Watch program which educates and uses high school students to collect benthic invertebrates, indicators of stream health, from various site along Bassett Creek

Education Activities

In 2014, the BCWMC implemented the following education-related activities:

- Collaborated with the West Metro Water Alliance, a consortium of several watershed organizations, Hennepin County, the Freshwater Society, Three Rivers Park District, and several cities that collaborate on education efforts.
- Designed and printed a map of the Bassett Creek watershed that includes educational information such as watershed facts and best practices.
- Provided watershed education to the public at the following events - Plymouth Yard/Garden Expo and Golden Valley Arts and Music Festival.
- Provided financial support and participated in the Non-point Education for Municipal Officials program (NEMO) for west metro officials including a series of 3 workshops.
- Partnered with Metro Blooms, local programs that educate homeowners on ways to reduce runoff from home yardscape including installing raingardens.
- Provided financial support to Metro WaterShed Partners for their “Let’s Keep Them Clean” media campaign and the Children’s Water Festival.

“Next Generation” Watershed Plan Development

- Continued to develop policies, requirements for developments, and implementation actions/projects for the 2015 Watershed Management Plan through monthly meetings of the Plan Steering Committee and workshops with the full Commission, state review agencies, and partnering organizations.
- Submitted the draft Plan for a 60-day comment period in November 2014.
- Final plan approval and adoption is expected later summer 2015.