



7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

November 10, 2015

Laura Jester
Administrator
Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
16145 Hillcrest Lane
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Subject: Douglas Drive Reconstruction Project
Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission Review Considerations

Dear Ms. Jester,

The City of Golden Valley and Hennepin County have been working with stakeholders and advocacy groups on the reconstruction of Douglas Drive (CSAH 102) beginning in 2007. In 2009, a corridor study was completed. In November 2011, municipal consent for the preliminary layout was approved by the City and County. Since that time, project development has progressed with acquisition of necessary right-of-way, coordination with private utility companies, and final design of the project.

The City and its project consultants met with Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) staff on multiple occasions during the design process to discuss the project, its impacts, and potential water quality improvements (in addition to the planned Honeywell Pond Project) that could be implemented in the corridor. Design of the water resources portion of the project is based on BCWMC standards during the time of project development. As part of these standards, linear projects were required to use practical and feasible approaches within the constraints of the existing right-of-way available to implement water quality features. Using this approach, the project team developed a plan that included sump manholes, SAFL Baffles, and a remnant parcel infiltration basin.

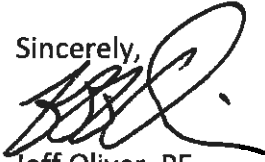
On November 2, 2015, on behalf of the City of Golden Valley and Hennepin County, WSB and Associates submitted final Douglas Drive Reconstruction Project plans to the BCWMC for approval consideration at its November meeting.

In the submittal, it was noted that the new Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) were adopted by the BCWMC in September and that this project did not meet the new MIDS

standards. However, it was also noted that the project met and exceeded the previous water quality standards for linear projects.

Based upon the lengthy project planning and design process discussed above, the City respectfully requests that the BCWMC allow this project to be reviewed under the BCWMC standards prior to September 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Oliver", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jeff Oliver, PE
City Engineer

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