

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

General Overview



Bassett Creek WMC

Regional government organization formed in 1969 to focus on flood control along Bassett Creek.

Now operates under 1982 Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act and is also focused on improving and protecting water quality of Bassett Creek and the lakes and streams in the tributary area. Includes parts of 9 cities:

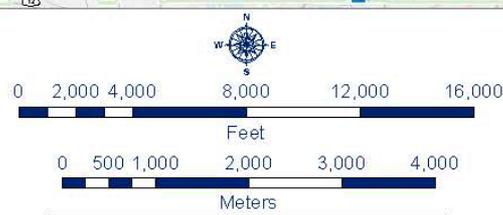
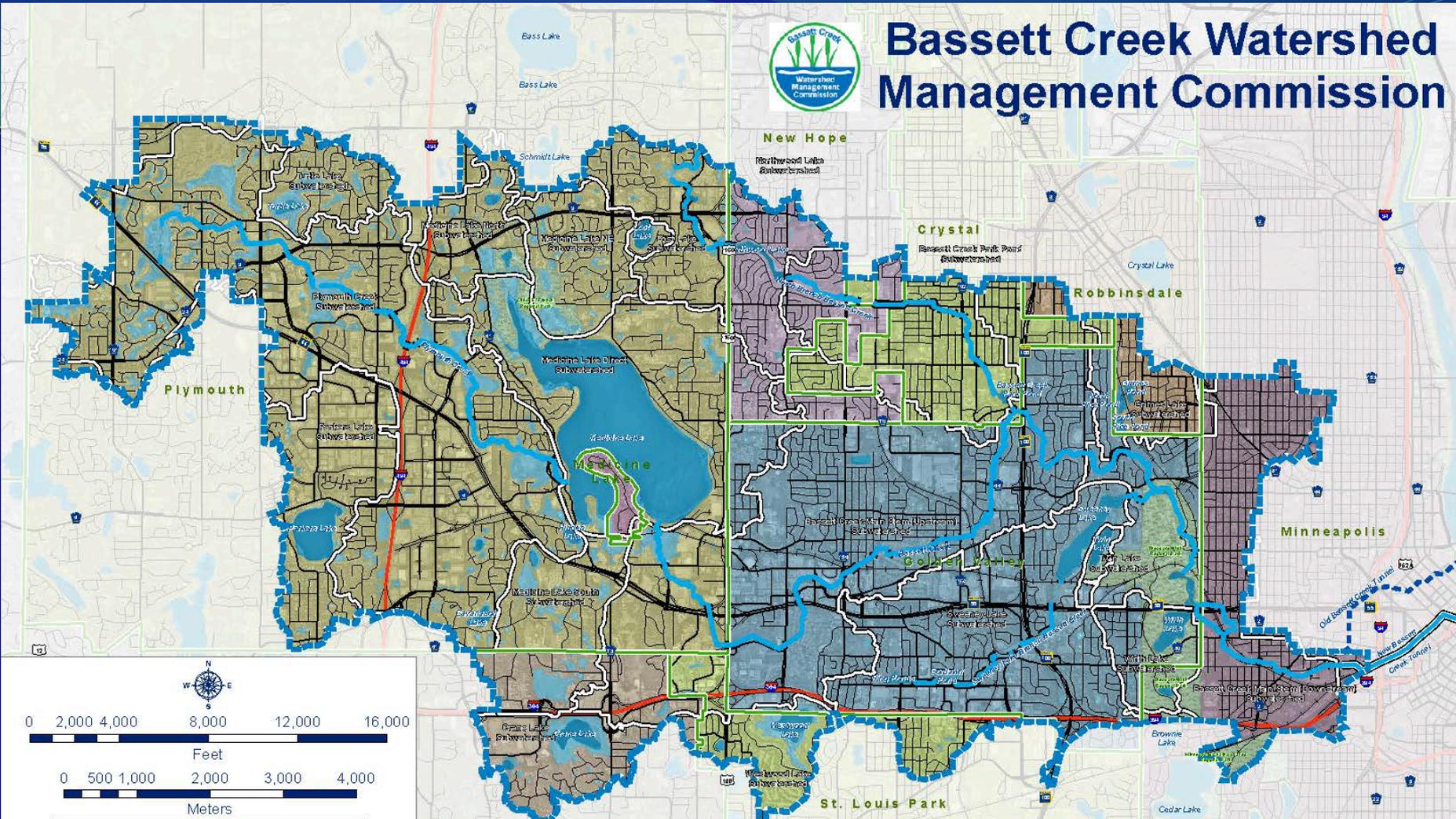
- Minneapolis
- Golden Valley
- Plymouth
- Crystal
- New Hope
- Robbinsdale
- St. Louis Park
- Minnetonka
- Medicine Lake



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- Bassett Creek Watershed
- Major Subwatersheds
- City Boundaries
- Regional Parks
- Old Tunnels
- Open Channels
- Culverts
- Tunnels

- Greater than 40 mi²; Tributary to Mississippi River
- 4 major subwatersheds: Mainstem, Medicine Lake Branch (Plymouth Creek), North Branch, Sweeney Lake Branch
- Multiple lakes: Medicine, Westwood, Wirth, Twin, Sweeney, Lost, Northwood, Parkers, Turtle, Crane, others

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Vision Statement:

Stewardship of water resources to protect and enhance our communities



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Commission Funding: [*See operating budget for more information*]

- Contributions from 9 member cities
- Hennepin County tax levy for major projects
- Grant funds and permit fees

Commission Activities:

- Implement projects that improve and protect Bassett Creek and lakes, streams, ponds, and wetlands throughout watershed
- Monitor water quality, perform studies, map resources
- Provide water resource education to residents, businesses, local officials, and city staff
- Provide watershed-wide coordination of activities and watershed “point of contact” for all stakeholders

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Examples of Projects:

- Raingarden and Infiltration Projects
- Water Quality Ponds
- Wirth Lake Outlet Upgrade
- Streambank Restoration Projects
- Flood Control Projects



Wirth Lake Outlet Project (WTH4)



Main Stem Restoration Project (CR2011): Before and After

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Commissioners

[See Bylaws and Roles and Responsibilities Document for more information]

- ✓ One commissioner and one alternate commissioner appointed by each of 9 member cities
 - ✓ Results in one vote per member community
- ✓ Term of appointment by city = 3 years
- ✓ Organizational meeting every February
 - ✓ Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer elected
 - ✓ Committee members appointed
 - ✓ Budget Committee
 - ✓ Administrative Services Committee
 - ✓ Education Committee

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Watershed Management Plan

[See executive summary of Watershed Management Plan for more information]

- ✓ Developed with public and stakeholder input
- ✓ Updated every 10 years
- ✓ Sets goals and policies
- ✓ Prioritizes areas of focus
- ✓ Lists projects and programs

