



# Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

## Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 7, 2023

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wirth Lake Room, Brookview

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. COMMUNICATIONS
3. BUSINESS

### A. Consider Plymouth's Regional Treatment Plans

Recently, Plymouth staff discussed this regional treatment idea with Commission engineers and the administrator. Commission staff thinks this is an interesting idea that should be discussed by the TAC and considered by the Commission.

Background:

Plymouth is planning a pavement rehabilitation project in 2024 within the middle of its "City Center" which is the area generally bound by Vicksburg Ln/Hwy 55/CR 9/Plymouth Creek (see map below). Plymouth staff believes there is an opportunity to construct a large stormwater management project in conjunction with the pavement project that would provide regional treatment for the area as it redevelops. The stormwater project would ideally:

- Treat runoff for the whole redevelopable area (see map below) including public and private properties.
- Incentivize and streamline redevelopment as stormwater management capacity would already be available.
- Treat runoff directly adjacent to Plymouth Creek starting immediately, rather than waiting for redevelopment.

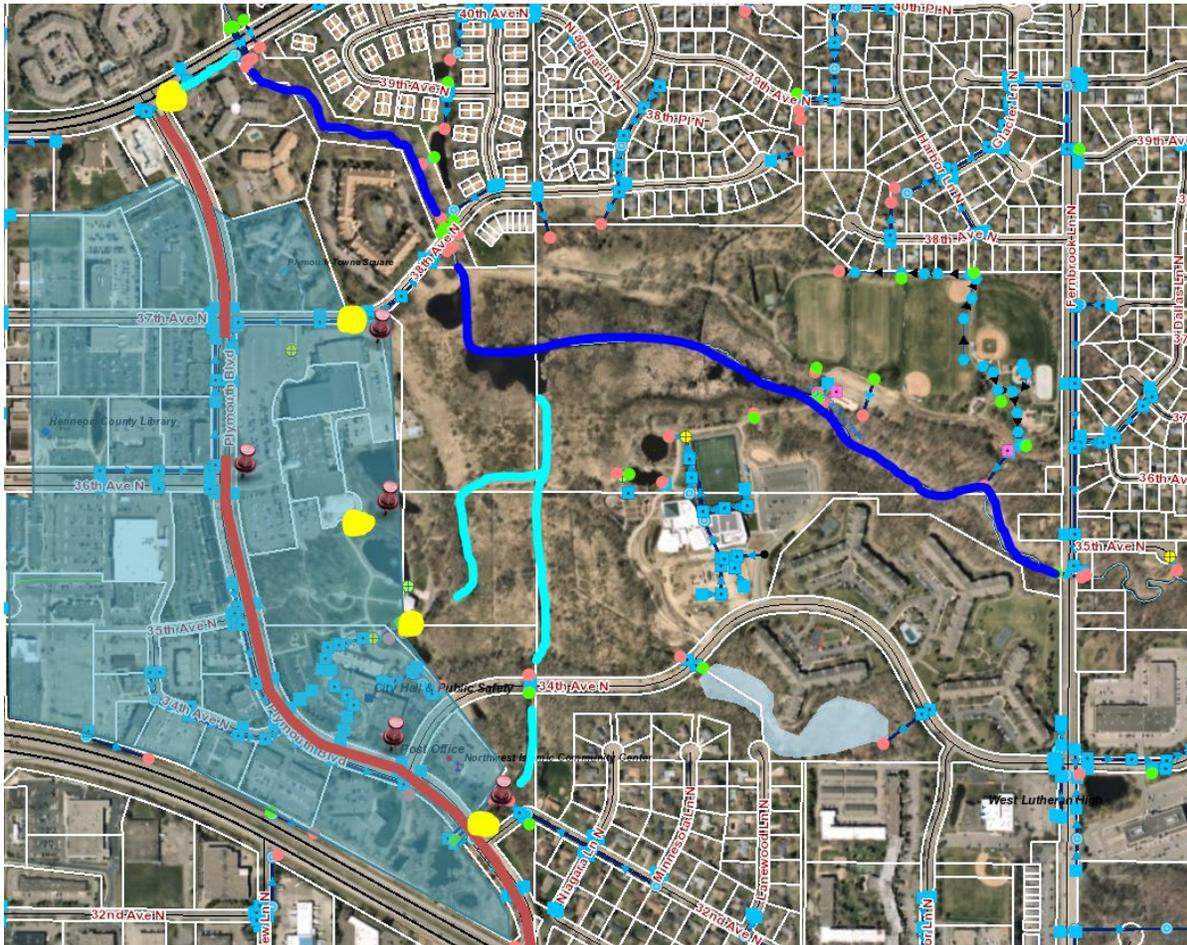
The City's next steps would be to complete a study to verify the feasibility of various regional treatment areas and estimates costs. If found to be viable the city would design a project for Commission review and approval consideration.

Key elements of concept:

- Stormwater management features would be fully funded by the city (no BCWMC funding required or requested).
- City would retain all easements and perform all maintenance.
- City would handle all negotiations with developers on how credits are used or paid for.
- Development projects would still be submitted to the Commission for review. Upon review of development projects, BCWMC engineers would confirm the pollution reductions needed for the project and would calculate the remaining balance of treatment capacity.
- Stormwater management features built by the city would likely not be designed or available to meet rate control requirements for redevelopment; developers would be required to meet BCWMC rate control requirements on-site and the city may require some pre-treatment of stormwater runoff.
- This mechanism preserves more private real estate for redevelopment as less land is needed at individual parcels for stormwater management.
- This mechanism ensures proper maintenance of stormwater management features because, as the owner, the city is responsible for maintenance; this also removes the need for maintenance agreements.

TAC should consider:

- Is this a good approach? Are other cities considering something similar?
- What are the pros and cons to this approach? What concerns you?
- Commission staff believes this off-site regional stormwater management approach is already allowed under BCWMC rules. Do you agree?
- Do you recommend the Commission add a mechanism specifically allowing regional treatment to its Requirements for Improvements and Development Proposals (Requirements) document?



**KEY:**

Thick red line = roadway Plymouth is rehabilitating.

Thick blue line = Plymouth Creek (cyan line are some spurs from that creek).

Area highlighted in blue = part of the City Center which drains towards the creek.

Yellow dots = major surface water discharge points leaving the City Center Area.

Push pins = potential large regional treatment areas.

**B. Consider Budget Committee Policy Recommendation** (see pages 2 – 4 of the memo attached in email and linked below)

At the May Commission meeting, the Budget Committee presented a recommendation to update the fiscal policy on investment income to allocate investment income equally (50-50 split) between the General Fund (the operating budget that comes from city assessments) and the CIP Fund. Due to potential impacts to city assessments and impacts on CIP funds available, the TAC requested to weigh in on the issue.

Please see pages 2 – 4 of the [memo from the May Commission meeting](#). Additionally, please note that investment income varies widely from year to year. The table below shows investment earnings since 2014. You can see that in some years, the earnings would barely make a dent in any fund, while earnings like those from 2022 would have a bigger impact on the General or CIP Funds. The TAC should develop a recommendation to the Commission that would be considered along with the Budget Committee’s recommendation which remains unchanged.

Investment earnings reported in annual audits		
Fiscal Year		
2014	\$	9,171
2015	\$	10,133
2016	\$	14,328
2017	\$	8,052
2018	\$	44,343
2019	\$	51,828
2020	\$	8,115
2021	\$	3,135
2022	\$	110,001
Average	\$	28,790

**C. Next Meeting – July 5 or August 2 @ 10:30 a.m. Wirth Lake Room, Brookview**

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