

BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Improvements Contained in the

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission's 2015 Watershed Management Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on

Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Golden Valley City Hall; 7800 Golden Valley Road

Interested persons are invited to attend. The purpose of the hearing is to hear testimony and comments from the public and cities regarding four capital improvements proposed to begin in 2024. Project information available at www.bassettcreekwmo.org.

- 1. Bassett Creek Main Stem Restoration Project - Regent Ave to Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley:** Stabilize streambanks, reduce erosion, and improve water quality and stream habitat along a 7,000-ft section of Bassett Creek between Regent Ave. and Golden Valley Rd. The project is expected to annually reduce pollution in Bassett Creek and downstream in the Mississippi River by an estimated 82 lbs. of total phosphorus and 136,000 lbs. of total suspended solids. The total estimated project cost is \$2,241,000, of which \$1,741,000 will come from BCWMC's Capital Improvement Program through 2024 - 2026 ad valorem property taxes collected by Hennepin County on property in the Bassett Creek Watershed. www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/bassett-creek-restoration-project-regent-ave-golden-valley-
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- 2. Ponderosa Woods Stream Restoration Project, Plymouth:** Restore an eroding tributary to Medicine Lake. This project will stabilize streambanks, reduce sediment and nutrient pollution reaching Medicine Lake, improve habitats, and remove buckthorn along a 1,000-ft stream section. The project will reduce total phosphorus and total suspended solids by an estimated 7.4 lbs. per year and 14,770 lbs per year, respectively. The total estimated project cost is \$352,000 which will come from BCWMC's Capital Improvement Program through 2024 ad valorem property taxes collected by Hennepin County on property within the Bassett Creek Watershed. www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/ponderosa-woods-stream-restoration-project
- 3. Sochacki Park Water Quality Improvement Project, Robbinsdale and Golden Valley:** This project will implement a suite of best management practices (BMPs) in Three River Park District's Sochacki Park. The project will reduce total phosphorus by approximately 67 lbs/year, improving water quality in Grimes Pond, North Rice Pond, South Rice Pond, and Bassett Creek, enhancing buffers and wildlife habitat, and improving recreation. The total project cost to implement all BMPs is \$2,300,000. BCWMC will share the project cost with \$600,000 from BCWMC's Capital Improvement Program through 2024 and 2025 ad valorem property taxes collected by Hennepin County on property within the Bassett Creek Watershed. Other funding sources include grants, Three Rivers Park District, and the cities of Golden Valley and Robbinsdale. www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/sochacki-park-water-quality-improvement-project
- 4. Cost Share Purchase of High Efficiency Street Sweeper:** The BCWMC will cost share the purchase of an enhanced regenerative sweeper for the City of Golden Valley to improve effectiveness and reduce pollutant loading to streams and lakes. The total BCWMC funds to the city is \$150,000 which will come from the BCWMC's Capital Improvement Program funds through 2024 and 2025 ad valorem property taxes collected by Hennepin County on property within the Bassett Creek Watershed.