

Engagement ~~of~~with diverse communities – Medium Priority

Issue Statement: Efforts are needed to engage and build relationships with communities that have been under-represented in past BCWMC planning, programs, and projects.

Desired Future Condition	Goal (10-year)	Strategy, Action, or Task (some potential examples; highlight = new activity)	Notes/Timeframe/ Discussion Items
All communities, and especially those historically and currently under-represented in the past , are positively engaged in relevant BCWMC activities and operations	Establish and maintain relationships and communication avenues with previously under-represented communities including annually attending and participating in meetings with Harrison Neighborhood Association, Northside Residents Redevelopment Council, Jordan Area Community Council , Native communities, and/or others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify diverse, minority, and previously under represented communities and their representative contacts - Develop and implement plans for an engagement, communication, and relationship building - Regularly submit communications to neighborhood newsletters or other publications - Annually attend meetings or events in diverse, minority, or underserved communities 	Avoid targeting specific geographic areas (like MPLS) b/c other areas in the watershed also have diverse, underserved communities.
	Seek, consider, and respond to input from all relevant communities as part of the BCWMC’s plans, programs, and projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide BCWMC communication materials in multiple languages - Cooperate with partners (e.g., Metro Blooms) on implementing projects and programs in environmental justice communities 	

Recreation Opportunities – Low Priority

Issue Statement: Opportunities to protect or enhance recreational use of, and access to, natural ~~resources~~ [areas](#) in the watershed may be lost without proactive consideration by the BCWMC and its partners in their activities.

Desired Future Condition	Goal (10-year)	Strategy, Action, or Task (some potential examples; highlight = new activity)	Notes/Timeframe/ Discussion Items
Recreational uses and access are maintained or enhanced, as	Maintain Support existing recreational uses of, and access to, priority waterbodies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inventory/list priority waterbody recreation access/functions (i.e., what will be maintained) - Provide technical and other support for city and partner projects impacting recreational access to/use of priority waterbodies. 	Consider including “policy” in section content about Commission’s role in recreation.

appropriate, for priority waterbodies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incorporate trails, parks, and natural areas into BCWMC watershed map or other BCWMC communications. (to be included with current map update) - Maintain interactive Bassett Creek paddling map in partnership with City of Golden Valley. (found here) 	
	Consider protecting and enhancing recreational functions of and access to waterbodies and natural resources areas during BCWMC planning and projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider opportunities for recreation enhancement when designing BCWMC projects 	

[Resident capacity for stewardship – Medium Priority](#) – [move to top of issue list; check priority level with Commission – consider rewording issue statement to restate “stewardship”](#)

Issue Statement: ~~Lack of information and resources may limit the ability~~ and interest of watershed residents and stakeholders to be good stewards of the BCWMC waterbodies and ~~natural resources~~ ecosystems may be limited by the lack of information and resources.

Desired Future Condition	Goal (10-year)	Strategy, Action, or Task (some potential examples; highlight = new activity)	Notes/Timeframe/ Discussion Items
Watershed residents and stakeholders understand their role and impact on water and natural resources and are good stewards of these resources through their actions and behaviors.	Increase the participation of watershed residents in water and natural resource management programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate as active member of West Metro Watershed Alliance - Collaborate and coordinate with member cities on creating and delivering education - Develop and implement small-scale BMP cost-share program - Advertise existing grant programs maintained by partners - Incorporate targeted outreach to watershed residents as part of CIP projects, where applicable 	
	Increase the number of stakeholders who access watershed information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support development and distribution of educational materials through West Metro Watershed Alliance - Maintain the BCWMC website 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide BCWMC communications in multiple languages - Incorporate targeted outreach to watershed residents as part of CIP projects, where applicable 	
	<p>Support citizen science and citizen volunteer efforts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue supporting CAMP program including recruiting and coordinating volunteers - Support volunteer activities such as native plantings, invasive species removals, clean ups, etc. 	