



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wirth Lake Room, Brookview

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. COMMUNICATIONS & UPDATES

3. BUSINESS

A. Appoint Representatives to WBIF Convene Meetings

The Bassett Creek Watershed Allocation Area has \$183,255 in 2026-2027 Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) through the State's Clean Water Fund that must be utilized by December 31, 2029 on projects that have water quality as a primary benefit. As in year's past, the BCWMC is willing to host and facilitate a "convene meeting" of all eligible grantees including the county, cities, and BCWMC. Cities should appoint up to two representatives to attend the convene meetings on behalf of all cities in the watershed to help review and decide on projects to receive the funds. Learn more about WBIF here: <https://bwsr.state.mn.us/watershed-based-implementation-funding-program>.

B. Review Options for Streambank Monitoring

At the TAC meeting in April, the group discussed one of the activities listed in Table 4-5 of the 2026 Watershed Management Plan: Activity MM-7 Streambank Monitoring - Biennially assess the condition of streambanks along BCWMC priority streams, evaluate downstream impacts, and prioritize areas for action.

The discussion in April included the following comments:

- Plymouth Creek is not surveyed; city staff rely on anecdotal information; residents may not appreciate staff walking through backyards.
- Golden Valley staff used to regularly survey all stream banks, but there was some uncertainty about current practice; may be a lower priority for the city as more stream reaches are repaired.
- Crystal does not currently do this; noted it would be good practice to survey streams every 2 or 3 years to prioritize restoration needs rather than rely on residents and complaints.
- Surveys can identify needs and stressors, monitor erosion, prioritize future projects; may be considered similar to asset management.
- A checklist could be developed for city staff to perform surveys; but some cities may not have staff available and surveys may not be performed uniformly among different cities.

The discussion concluded with direction to the Commission Engineer to bring forward different options and approaches for stream surveys.

At this meeting, we will further discuss the different options and the level of need for streambank monitoring. The Commission Engineer will share information on approaches currently being used by

the Valley Branch Watershed District and Riley-Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District which both routinely perform stream inspections as part of their asset management, CIP project prioritization and planning, and stream health assessment work.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

Generally, first Wednesday 10:30 – 12:00

Next meeting: October 7th Wirth Lake Room Brookview

Potential future meeting topics:

- Cost sharing CIP projects with member cities
- Policies related to spending public funds on private properties including CIP projects, small grant program for residential projects, public-private partnership projects

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