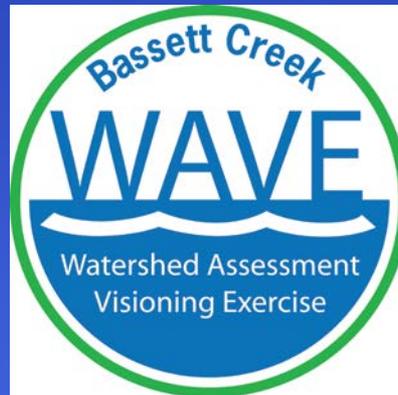


# Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission



Watershed Assessment and Visioning Exercise  
April 18, 2013

# Bassett Creek WMC

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

Now focused on improving and protecting water quality of Bassett Creek and the lakes and streams in the tributary area. Includes parts of 9 cities:

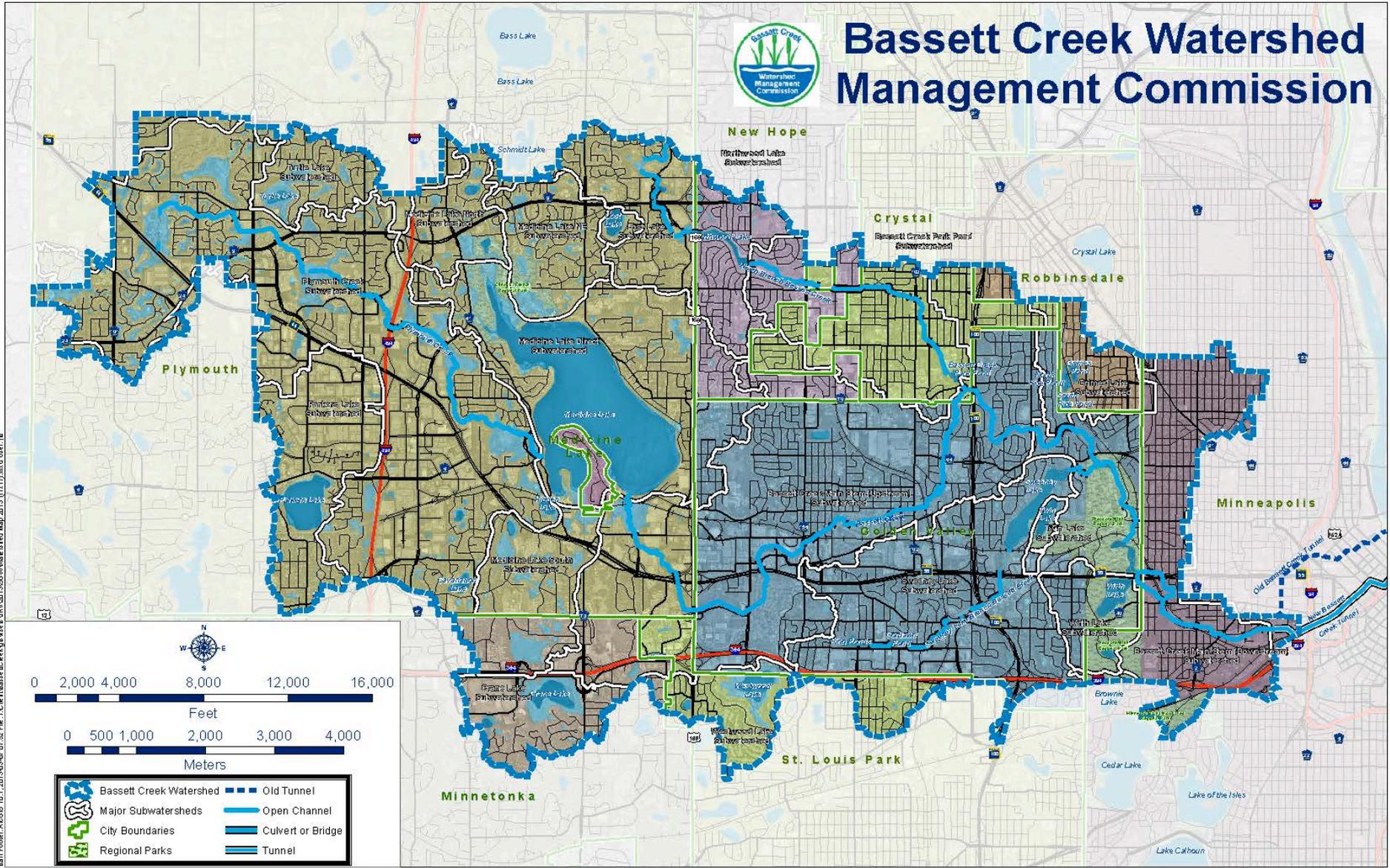
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- Golden Valley
- Plymouth
- Crystal
- New Hope
- Robbinsdale
- St. Louis Park
- Minnetonka
- Medicine Lake



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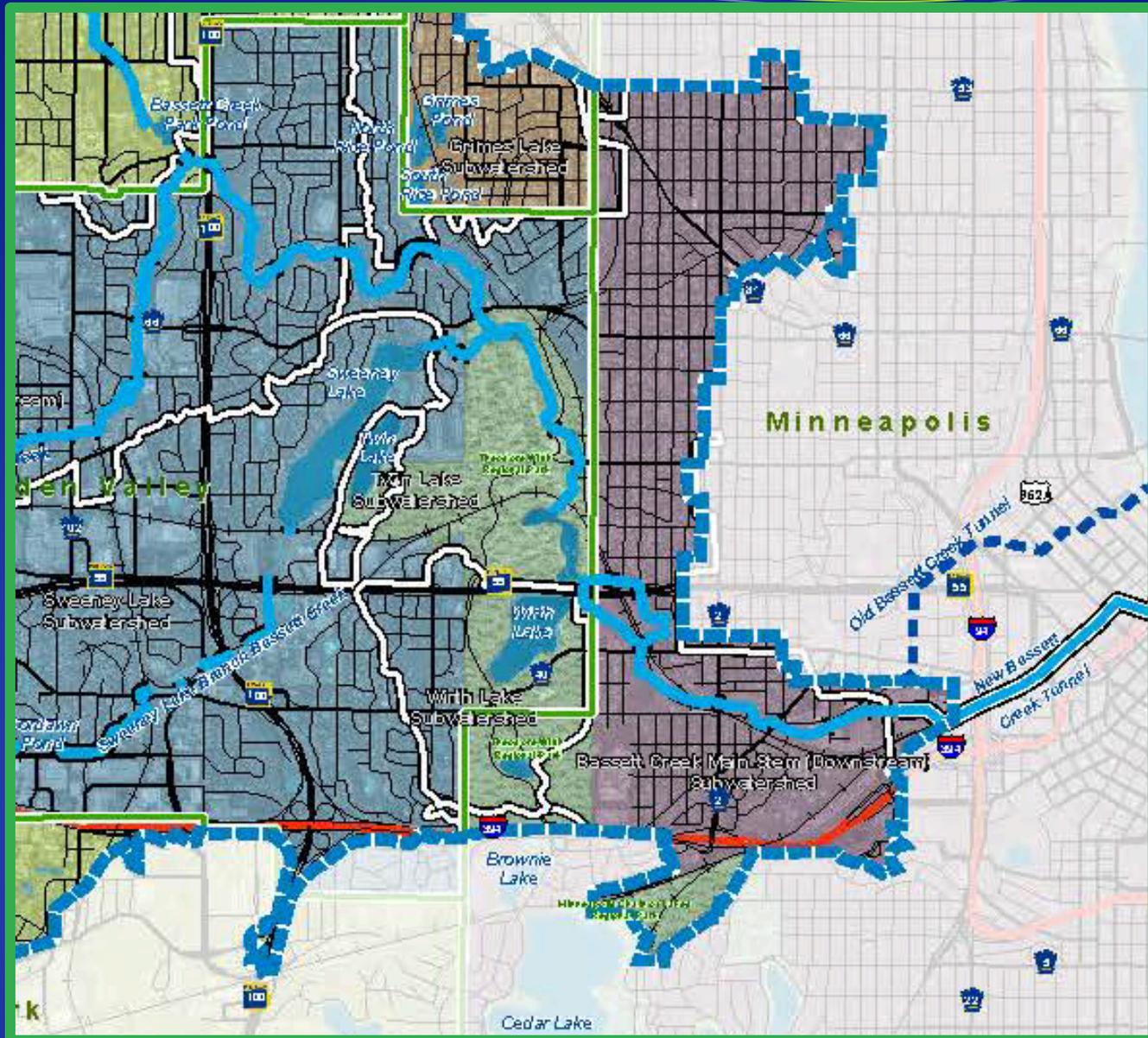
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- Bassett Creek Watershed
- Old Tunnel
- Major Subwatersheds
- Open Channel
- City Boundaries
- Culvert or Bridge
- Regional Parks
- Tunnel



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## Vision Statement:

Stewardship of water resources to protect and enhance our communities

## Commission Funding:

- Contributions from 9 member cities (2013: \$515,045)
- Hennepin County tax levy for major projects (2013: \$1,000,000)
- Grant funds and permit fees (2013: \$53,000)

## 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

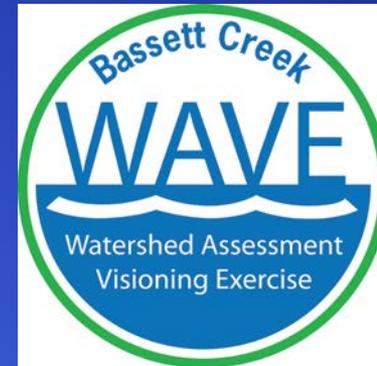


Sweeney Branch Restoration Project: Before and After

# Bassett Creek WMC Watershed Management Plan

Guides Commission over next ten years

- ✓ Sets goals and policies
- ✓ Prioritizes areas of focus
- ✓ Lists projects and programs



**We need your thoughts and ideas!**

# Bassett Creek WMC

## Watershed Management Plan

*Using the index cards on your table, please answer the following question. Please write only ONE answer per card.*

QUESTION #1: Think about the lakes or streams in this area that have good water quality or seem to be in good health. What makes those waterbodies healthy? What are the indicators of good quality or good health? What do those waterbodies look like?

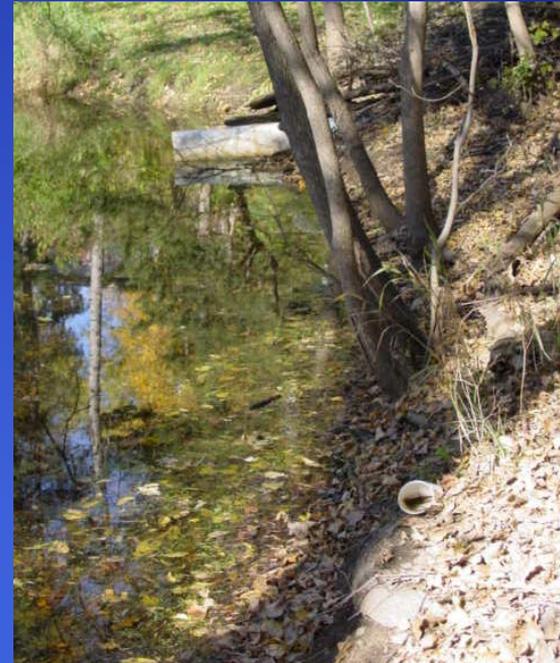


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## Watershed Management Plan

*Using the index cards on your table, please answer the following question. Please write only ONE answer per card.*

QUESTION #2: What concerns or issues do you have regarding water resources in your community? What contributes to the poor health of a stream or lake?



# SPEAK FOR THE CREEK

Help set a course for **cleaner waters**

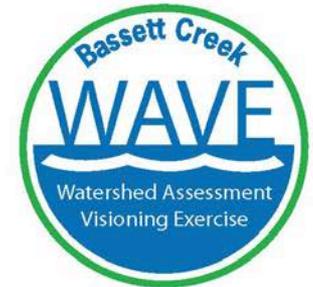
Make a difference in your watershed's future two ways:

## 1. Take the survey

Ten minutes of your time will help us shape ten years of direction for the future of Bassett Creek, Medicine Lake, Parkers Lake, Sweeney/Twin Lakes, Wirth Lake and many other waterbodies in the Bassett Creek watershed. Go to: <http://www.bassett-creekwmo.org> and let your voice be heard.

## 2. Attend the Bassett Creek Watershed Summit

Join the conversation and tell us what's important to you. Engage public officials, city planners, engineering staff, lake association members and others in a hands-on Watershed Assessment Visioning Exercise. This kind of WAVE is a public participation forum that will help us craft a watershed plan that best addresses the concerns and values of watershed stakeholders...like you.



## BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED SUMMIT\*

Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Plymouth City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Blvd.

\*Pre-registration is requested but not required. Email [bcra@barr.com](mailto:bcra@barr.com) or contact Laura Jester at 952-270-1990 for more information.