



Bassett Creek Watershed Management

April 14, 2022

To: Watershed Management Plan Review Authorities and Local Stakeholders

Re: Notification of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission's 2025 Watershed Management Plan Update – requesting input by June 15, 2022

Dear Plan Reviewers and Stakeholders:

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) Board of Commissioners (commissioners) is in the early stages of updating its Watershed Management Plan (Plan). The Plan will establish the goals, policies, and activities to achieve the BCWMC's vision of stewardship of water resources to protect and enhance our communities.

State law and rule govern the watershed planning process and require that watershed management plans be updated every 10 years. The BCWMC adopted its current Plan in 2015 and anticipates completing the updated Plan in 2025. Throughout Plan development, the commissioners will seek input from residents, agencies, cities, partners, and diverse communities within the watershed.

With this letter, the commissioners request your comments with respect to the following areas:

- Priority issues and your expectations for BCWMC involvement in these issues
- Summaries of relevant water management goals
- Pertinent water resource information
- Brief summary or list of programs you consider successful or impactful in other watersheds
- Official controls and programs of your organization (as applicable)
- Opportunities for collaboration with your organization on relevant projects or programs

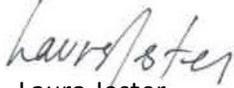
The information you provide will help the commissioners identify the issues and priorities that should be addressed in the 2025 Plan as well as opportunities for collaboration. The commissioners respectfully request that you provide this information by **June 15, 2022** (consistent with Minnesota Rules 8410.0045 Subp. 3 and Subp. 4). Please send your input and information to me at laura.jester@keystonewaters.com. Concurrent with this notification letter, the BCWMC is reaching out to its member cities with specific information requests.

As part of Plan development, a representative from your organization will be invited to participate in a technical advisory committee (Plan TAC). The TAC will meet periodically during Plan development to discuss issues, priorities, goals, policies and/or implementation activities. In your response to this letter, please identify the individual(s) from your organization who should participate in the Plan TAC.

Thank you for your time and assistance in providing this information. The commissioners and I look forward to working with you to develop a useful and impactful plan. You can find information about BCWMC projects and programs at www.bassettcreekwmo.org. Additionally, a 2025 Watershed Plan webpage will be developed in the coming weeks to house all plan-related documents and information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at laura.jester@keystonewaters.com or 952-270-1990.

Sincerely,



Laura Jester
Administrator

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Hennepin County
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Three Rivers Park District
Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission
Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission
West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District
Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
Metropolitan Council
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
Minnesota Department of Health
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Minnesota Department of Transportation
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

April 11, 2022

BCWMC Member City Staff

Re: Requesting input from member cities on 2025 BCWMC Watershed Management Plan

Dear BCWMC Technical Advisory Committee Member:

As you know, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) Board of Commissioners (commissioners) is in the early stages of updating its Watershed Management Plan (Plan). The Plan will establish the goals, policies, and activities to achieve the BCWMC's vision of stewardship of water resources to protect and enhance our communities.

As a joint powers organization, the success of the BCWMC is linked to effective collaboration between itself and member cities like yours. The BCWMC is seeking input from your city regarding water and natural resource concerns and priorities as well as feedback on the working relationship between your city and the BCWMC.

Please use the attached questionnaire to document city input. Your input as a BCWMC TAC member is highly valued. However, we also request that you seek broader input including from your city council, city commissions, or other relevant city officials or staff. You may submit multiple responses or aggregated responses into a single form. This questionnaire is part of the BCWMC's initial stakeholder engagement effort. It is not your city's only opportunity to provide input and the TAC will certainly be involved throughout Plan development.

This request for member city input is intended to serve as the official notification of plan update required by Minnesota Rules 8410.0045 Subp. 3 and Subp. 4. Responses should be provided no later than **June 15, 2022** to me by email laura.jester@keystonewaters.com.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about the questionnaire, the process, or if you need assistance in communicating this request to your council or other city officials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Jester".

Laura Jester
Administrator

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