



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Watershed Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday December 11, 2024

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Wirth Lake Room, Brookview

AGENDA

1. **WELCOME**

2. **REVIEW NOVEMBER 6 MEETING NOTES** – attached

[Link to Prioritized Issues List](#)

3. **REVIEW UPDATED PLAN DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE** – spreadsheet attached

The attached spreadsheet shows an updated schedule for the remainder of the plan development process and shows about an 8-month slip in the schedule. This is primarily due to the several extra months it took to develop issues and goals. There were many excellent discussions and progress – it was just more robust and lengthier than anticipated! The original scope estimated 12 – 18 PSC meetings throughout the whole planning process. This PSC meeting marks the 19th meeting. Staff anticipates another 8 – 10 meetings are needed. The first sheet in the attachment compares the original scope's schedule to the current projected schedule (gray cells = original scope vs. colored cells = current projected schedule). The updated schedule in the second sheet lays out future meetings and content for discussion/review for future expected PSC, Commission, TAC, and Plan TAC meetings. Obviously, there are budget implications resulting from a longer process. Staff will present budget status the January PSC meeting.

4. **REVIEW UPDATED EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN** – attached

This is the same document that was included with November PSC meeting materials. It wasn't discussed in November due to time constraints.

5. **REVIEW RESULTS OF NOVEMBER WORKSHOP** - attached

Notes from the November 20th BCWMC plan development workshop are attached along with potential responses and revisions to issues and goals. The committee should discuss workshop input and finalize issue statements, desired future conditions and 10-year goals for the Education and Engagement category and Organizational Effectiveness category.

6. **DISCUSS STREAM AND WETLAND BUFFER STANDARDS** – attached

The attached tables compare stream buffer and wetland buffer triggers and standards from current BCWMC requirements, several member cities, and a few additional watersheds. Staff recommendations for revisions to the current BCWMC requirements are noted and shown in orange rows. The committee should review and discuss if the recommended changes to the BCWMC buffer triggers and standards are warranted and/or if the TAC should discuss buffer standards to gather additional input.

7. **REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS TO BCWMC REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT** – Word document attached with comments and tracked changes

Commission Engineers recommend several relatively minor updates to the BCWMC requirements for improvements and development proposals (aside from requirements still under discussion such as linear projects, chloride management, and buffers). The attached document shows recommended changes, tracked, along with context for the changes, shown in comment boxes.

The more notable proposed changes include the following:

- All “shalls” in the document were replaced with “musts” or, in some situations, “shoulds” to clarify whether something is required or not (per former Commissioner Welch’s direction).
- Added new Sections 2.9 and 8.5 with requirements and guidance for regional best management practices
- Section 4.0 – revised item #1 regarding minimum building elevations for parking ramps and garages; and revised item #4 regarding parking in the floodplain (this change is in response to the Currie Commons project in the Bassett Creek Valley).
- Added new Section 6.4 regarding maintenance of stormwater best management practices and chloride management plans.
- Section 5 and Section 7.0 – incorporated edits approved at the February 2023 BCWMC meeting regarding erosion and sediment control provisions, once the MPCA Construction Stormwater Permit went into effect.
- Section 9.0 – added a definition for disconnected impervious surfaces and revised the structure definition.
- Although there are no text changes regarding the proposed linear project triggers and standards, and the stream and wetland buffer triggers and standards that are currently under review, there are comments about this added to Sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 5.0, 6.1.2, 7.0, and the App B flysheet to note that they are under discussion.

8. DISCUSS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

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