



# Planning Together to Improve & Protect Our Waters 2025 - 2035

April 2022

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) is embarking on the development of its next Watershed Management Plan that will guide programs and projects to address challenges and meet measurable goals from 2025 to 2035 (see page 2 for process). Development of a 10-year plan is a great opportunity to take a step back and assess where the organization has been and where it's going; to evaluate what's been working well and where are challenges remain. Your input is needed to help us understand the issues so that appropriate goals and priorities can be developed over the next few years.

## WHAT

Right now, BCWMC is in the initial stages of gathering input on

- How watershed stakeholders view the condition of our lakes and streams
- How they use or enjoy lakes, streams, and natural resources in their community
- What concerns they have or what challenges or opportunities they see regarding lakes, streams, and other natural resources

## WHO

Input is being sought from a variety of stakeholders including

- City staff
- Elected officials
- Appointed officials
- Residents
- Lake & Environmental groups
- Neighborhood and community groups
- Historically underserved communities
- Ethnic and minority groups
- Park districts and boards
- Users of lakes, streams, natural areas

## HOW

Input from stakeholders will be gathered in different ways throughout the spring, summer, and fall of 2022. There's no wrong way to give us your thoughts. Watch for information in city communications, local news outlets and at [www.bassettcreekwmo.org](http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org). Some input opportunities will include:

- Presentations and discussions at meetings like city council meetings, city commission meetings, community group meetings, etc.
- Community events and farmers markets
- Online survey
- Public meetings

*The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission is a local unit of government formed in 1969 to address flooding along Bassett Creek. It now operates under the 1982 Surface Water Management Act and is also focused on improving and protecting the water quality of Bassett Creek, Plymouth Creek, Medicine Lake, and the other lakes and streams throughout the watershed. The BCWMC is a joint powers organization among nine member cities: Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park and is governed by a Board of Commissioners with one commissioner appointed from each city. Funding for BCWMC programs and studies comes directly from cities while funding for large capital projects comes from property taxes levied by Hennepin County on behalf of the BCWMC. Learn more at [www.bassettcreekwmo.org](http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org).*

# Plan Development Process

APRIL – DECEMBER 2022

## Gather Initial Stakeholder Input

- Hear about issues and concerns from cities
- Get input from agencies, Hennepin County, and technical partners
- Collect input from residents and communities through events and surveys
- Prioritize issues

APRIL 2022 – APRIL 2023

## Analyze More Challenging Issues

- Perform gaps analysis
- Gather data and options to address challenging issues

MAY 2023 – DECEMBER 2024

## Develop Plan Content

- Define issues and priority resources
- Develop measurable 10-year goals
- Craft targeted policies, programs, and standards
- Develop 10-year implementation schedule and budget

JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2025

## Gather Feedback and Finalize Plan

- Submit draft plan for official 60-day review
- Gather feedback and respond to all comments
- Hold public hearing
- Submit plan for final agency review
- Adopt final plan – **TARGET: September 2025**