



# Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

## Watershed Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 2, 2024

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Wirth Lake Room, Brookview

### AGENDA

**1. WELCOME**

**2. REVIEW SEPTEMBER 4 MEETING NOTES** – attached

[Link to Prioritized Issues List](#)

**3. REVIEW PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS TRACKER** – attached

**4. FINALIZE GOALS FOR DEI-RELATED ISSUES** – *to be provided at the meeting*

At their meeting in May, the Commission adopted a [Land and Water Acknowledgement Statement](#). At their meeting in August, the Commission adopted the following policy related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and access: *The BCWMC is committed to understanding issues and prioritizing improvements in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility as they relate to the Commission’s work in improving and protecting aquatic ecosystems, building climate resiliency, and reducing flood risk. The BCWMC strives for diverse representation in decision making, robust engagement and communication with historically underrepresented communities, equitable access to information and resources, and use of social vulnerability and related indices in prioritization of its projects and programs.*

At their September meeting, the committee reviewed and discussed the last DEI-related goals in the Education and Engagement and Organizational Effectiveness categories. Staff hopes to revise the goals based on the committee’s discussion in time for this meeting. If ready in time, the committee should review and finalize the revised DEI-related goals.

**5. REVIEW PROPOSED STREET SWEEPING PRIORITIZATION STUDY**

At their August meeting the Commission discussed the TAC’s recommendation that the BCWMC perform a study on enhanced street sweeping. Due to commissioner concerns, the Commission tabled the item to a future meeting.

At their September meeting, the committee requested that this item come back to the committee with more information about how enhanced street sweeping could help the Commission meet its goals. Staff revised the presentation from the August Commission meeting to address the concerns raised and will present this at the committee meeting.

**6. REVIEW DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION SECTION OUTLINE AND NARRATIVE EXCERPT** - attached

The committee should review a draft of an outline (table of contents) for the Implementation Section. The section includes text that would be included for the Flood Control Project and Monitoring programs/tools as an example of how the section would present guidance and policies used by the BCWMC. An excerpt of the (non-CIP) implementation table is also included. The table is designed to list specific BCWMC activities and includes the type of tool to be used. It also references the issues and goals addressed with each activity. (Please note the activities in the table are currently limited to those addressing watershed and waterbody quality issues and is not necessarily comprehensive.)

Staff seeks feedback on the structure of the section including the recommendation to include guidance and policy language in a narrative format and specific activities (that have a budget line and timeframe) in a table format.

**7. REVIEW LINEAR PROJECT STANDARDS AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL CHANGES**

Staff, the Commission and the TAC began looking into standards and requirements for linear projects in 2022, as

part of the Commission's work to address complex issues leading into the development of the 2025 Plan. Below are the meetings where this was discussed:

- December 7, 2022 TAC meeting – agenda item 3A. Options for Updating Linear Project Standards in 2025 Watershed Plan
- January 19, 2023 Commission meeting – agenda item 5E, memo from Administrator regarding Standards and Requirements for Linear Standards – Considerations for 2025 Watershed Plan
- February 16, 2023 Commission meeting – agenda item 6B, revised memo from Administrator regarding Standards and Requirements for Linear Standards – Considerations for 2025 Watershed Plan; the Commission asked staff to bring their ideas to the TAC
- March 1, 2023 TAC meeting – agenda item 3C. Discuss Linear Project Standards
- March 29, 2023 TAC meeting – agenda item 3A. Discuss Pros and Cons for Linear Project Standards Options
- April 20, 2023 Commission meeting – agenda item 6Di. Verbal update on TAC discussions

The agenda item 6B memo from the February 16, 2023 Commission meeting is attached, as it includes helpful background information.

Also attached is a pros/cons table regarding different options for the BCWMC linear project standards, in consideration of the MPCA's linear project standards (part of the MS4 permit). This table was developed at the direction of the Commission and discussed by the TAC at their March 1 and March 29, 2023 meetings. The attached table includes revisions recommended by the TAC at their March 29, 2023 meeting.

The committee should discuss whether the BCWMC should consider changing its linear project standards. One option would be for the BCWMC to develop a checklist for the cities to complete/submit with their project review applications to show how they're meeting the requirements.

**8. REVIEW DRAFT MONITORING PLAN – attached**

If time allows, the group should review and comment on the draft monitoring plan recently developed by staff. Various types of water monitoring are referenced in the implementation activities column of the Waterbody and Watershed Quality category and will be included as an appendix in the Plan.

**9. DISCUSS PLANS FOR NEXT COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON EDUCATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS GOALS**

**10. ADJOURN - Next meeting November 6<sup>th</sup>**