



## 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

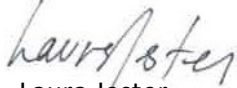
The information you provide will help the commissioners identify the issues and priorities that should be addressed in the 2025 Plan as well as opportunities for collaboration. The commissioners respectfully request that you provide this information by **June 15, 2022** (consistent with Minnesota Rules 8410.0045 Subp. 3 and Subp. 4). Please send your input and information to me at [laura.jester@keystonewaters.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:laura.jester@keystonewaters.com) or 952-270-1990.

Sincerely,



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Administrator

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Hennepin County  
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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