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Volunteers Explore and Study Lakes and Streams in the Bassett Creek Watershed

Golden Valley, Minnesota, September 30, 2015 –The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) thanks its volunteers for their hard work in helping the BCWMC achieve its mission “stewardship of water resources to protect and enhance our communities.” The 1968-established Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission works to maintain and enhance the quality of lakes and streams in the Bassett Creek Watershed, which encompasses 40 square miles within nine west metro cities including: Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park.

“Volunteers provide their time and talents to the BCWMC in a variety of ways, from collecting water samples in lakes through the Citizen Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP) to leading committees and gathering resident input, to wading through streams searching for aquatic insects for the River Watch Program,” remarks BCWMC Chair Jim de Lambert, “and the BCWMC deeply appreciates these volunteers and their commitment to improving water resources in our communities.”

The BCWMC would specifically like to recognize its 2015 volunteers: Education Committee member and photographer Dan Johnson of Crystal; CAMP volunteers Shanna Hanson and Jonathan Burris, Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee Chair Linda Loomis, and River Watch sampler Cara Rickenberg of Golden Valley; CAMP volunteers David and Josie Nelson and Patrick Anderson of Medicine Lake; River Watch school coordinator and sampler Dan Trockman of the Blake School, Minneapolis; River Watch school coordinator and sampler Jon Ong of Cooper High School, and CAMP volunteer Bob White of New Hope; CAMP volunteers Barrie Froseth and David Parker of Plymouth; and CAMP volunteer Nancy Ebner of St. Louis Park .

The BCWMC also appreciates and thanks the local organizations that advocate for and improve water resources and educate community members about water quality best practices. Organizations such as the Friends of Northwood Lake, Friends of Bassett Creek, Sweeney Lake Homeowners Association, and the Association of Medicine Lake Area Citizens are important BCWMC partners.

For more information about the BCWMC, visit www.bassettcreekwmo.org and www.facebook.com/BCWMC or contact Administrator Laura Jester at laura.jester@keystonewaters.com.

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About the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission: The BCWMC is a joint powers water management organization comprising nine municipalities: Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park. Originating from the Bassett Creek Flood Control Commission formed in 1969, the BCWMC was established in 1982. The BCWMC’s Watershed Management Plan sets the vision and guidelines for the management of surface water in the Bassett Creek watershed. The watershed is approximately 40 square miles, divided into four subwatersheds. For more information, visit www.bassettcreekwmo.org.