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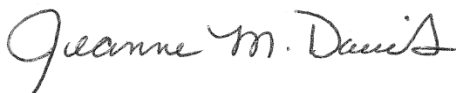
Re: Minor Plan Amendment: Bassett Creek Watershed Management Plan

The DNR appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission's Minor Plan Amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Area Hydrologist, Kate Drewry, has reviewed the revisions to the plan. The Plan Amendment adds several new projects to Bassett Creek's Capital Improvement Plan that are intended to provide flood mitigation and/or water quality improvements. We support these projects in concept, as they appear to be consistent with general DNR goals for healthy watersheds. Feasibility studies and preliminary design details are not yet available, but from the preliminary project descriptions it does not appear that any of these projects would trigger the need for a DNR Public Waters Work Permit. As preliminary designs are being developed and you have questions regarding potential impacts to MN public waters, Kate can be contacted at (651)259- 5753 or Kate.Drewry@state.mn.us.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Bassett Creek Watershed Plan - CIP Amendment.

Sincerely,



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RE: Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) Minor Plan Amendment
(Metropolitan Council Review File no. 21306-2)

Dear Ms. Jester:

The Metropolitan Council (Council) has completed its review of the proposed BCWMC minor amendment to its 2015 Watershed Management Plan (Plan). The amendment consists of changes to the BCWMC 10-year CIP, and is consistent with Council policies and the 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan.

We appreciate BCWMC's interest in furthering the goals and policies of their Plan. The justifications for projects modified or added to the CIP align well with the Plan's gatekeeper criteria (policy 110) that projects will be considered for inclusion in the CIP if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Project is part of the BCWMC trunk system
- Project improves or protects water quality in a priority waterbody
- Project addresses an approved TMDL or watershed restoration and protection strategy (WRAPS)
- Project addresses flooding concern

The proposed changes to project ML-8 need to be reflected in the updated 10-year CIP, even though the project originally appeared in the 2004 Watershed Management Plan. This is a significant change from a water quality project to a flood reduction project.

We also wanted to note the proposal to remove the Wirth Park Area Water Quality Improvement Project (BC-3) from the CIP, because the area will be treated by practices to be installed by the Council during the construction of the Bottineau Blue Line Light Rail Project. We look forward to continuing to work with BCWMC to ensure these water quality practices meet the original intent of the BC-3 project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this plan amendment. If you would like to discuss items addressed in this letter, please contact Emily Resseger at 651-602-1033.

Sincerely,



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From: [Christopher, Steve \(BWSR\)](#)
To: [Laura Jester](#)
Subject: RE: BCWMC Minor Plan Amendment - 30 Day Review Period
Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 1:54:37 PM

Laura,
BWSR does not have any comments on the proposed minor amendment to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Plan. Thank you for providing the opportunity for input.

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Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:58:24 AM

Greetings Laura,

The MDA does not have any comments to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission proposed minor amendments to its 2015 Watershed Management Plan.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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