



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Minor Amendments to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on

Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Online via WebEx

Visit "Upcoming Events" at www.bassettcreekwmo.org for meeting details.

Interested persons are invited to attend. The purpose of the public hearing is to answer questions about proposed minor amendments to the *2015 Bassett Creek Watershed Management Plan* and to hear public testimony regarding the proposed amendments. The proposed minor plan amendments involve revisions to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP):

- Adding the Crane Lake Chloride Reduction Demonstration Project at Ridgedale Mall (CL-4). This project in the City of Minnetonka will identify opportunities or innovative ways to reduce chloride entering Crane Lake.
- Adding the Plymouth Creek Restoration Project Old Rockford Rd. to Vicksburg Ln. (2026-CRP). This project in the City of Plymouth will repair erosion and reduce sedimentation along 1,600 feet of Plymouth Creek.
- Adding Cost Sharing Purchase of High Efficiency Street Sweeper (ML-23). This project in the City of Plymouth will provide funding for the city to purchase a high efficiency street sweeper to collect pollutants from streets in targeted areas near impaired waters.

A levy of an ad valorem property tax by Hennepin County on property within the Bassett Creek Watershed is the proposed method of payment for the costs of the CIP Projects.

The proposed minor plan amendments also include revisions to Section 4.2.6 Wetland Management policies to better align with current state assessment guidance.

The complete revised CIP, project fact sheets, and wetland policy revisions are available at:

www.bassettcreekwmo.org/document/wmp-plans.



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Proposed Revisions to Section [4.2.6 Wetland Management Policies](#)

Policy 65. The BCWMC requires member cities to inventory, classify and determine the functions and values of wetlands, either through a comprehensive wetland management plan or as required by the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA).

Member cities shall maintain a database of wetland functions and values assessment results. The BCWMC encourages member cities to complete comprehensive wetland management plans as part of their local water management plan or as an implementation task identified in their local water management plan. Completed comprehensive wetland management plans shall be submitted to the BCWMC for review and comment.

Policy 66. The BCWMC requires member cities to develop and implement wetland protection ordinances that consider the results of wetland functions and values assessments, and are based on comprehensive wetland management plans, if available. For wetlands classified as Preserve or Manage 1 ([or comparable classification if BWSR's Minnesota Rapid Assessment Method \(MnRAM\) is not used](#)), member cities ~~shall implementare~~ [encouraged to develop](#) standards for bounce, inundation, and runoff control that are similar to [BWSR guidanceMnRAM](#); member cities are encouraged to apply standards for other wetland classifications.

Policy 67. The BCWMC ~~adopts-recommends that cities use~~ the Minnesota Rapid Assessment Method (MnRAM) ([or similar](#)) ~~as the~~ wetland assessment method and ~~the~~ wetland management classification system. Member cities are encouraged to use ~~MnRAM-such a method~~ for all wetland assessment and classification, but are not required to perform reassessments ~~using the MnRAM~~ for wetlands already assessed.

Policy 68. Member cities shall maintain and enforce buffer requirements for projects containing more than one acre of new or redeveloped impervious area. Average minimum buffer widths are required according to the MnRAM classification (or similar classification system):

- An average of 75 feet and minimum of 50 feet from the edge of wetlands classified as Preserve ([or comparable classification if BWSR's MnRAM is not used](#))
- An average of 50 feet and minimum of 30 feet from the edge of wetlands classified as Manage 1 ([or comparable classification if BWSR's MnRAM is not used](#))
- An average of 25 feet and minimum of 15 feet from the edge of wetlands classified as Manage 2 or 3. ([or comparable classification if BWSR's MnRAM is not used](#))

Allowable land uses and vegetative criteria for buffers are specified in the BCWMC's Requirements for Development and Redevelopment (BCWMC, 2015, as amended). Member cities may allow exemptions for public recreational facilities parallel to the shoreline (e.g. trails) up to 20 feet in width, with that width being added to the required buffer width.

Policy 72. The BCWMC requires that member cities annually inspect wetlands classified as Preserve ([or comparable classification if MnRAM not used](#)) for terrestrial and emergent aquatic invasive vegetation, such as buckthorn and purple loosestrife, and attempt to control or treat invasive species, where feasible.