**Share Your Thoughts with the**

**Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission**

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Organization (BCWMC) is a public organization tasked with protecting and managing local water resources (e.g., lakes, ponds, wetlands) within portions of nine cities (see [www.bassettcreekwmo.org/lakes-streams](http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/lakes-streams)).

The BCWMC is in the process of updating its Watershed Management Plan, which will guide BCWMC actions for the next 10 years. The BCWMC seeks your input it begins this process. Please take our brief survey to help us understand your concerns and priorities regarding local water resources.

Return this survey by December 1, 2022 to BCWMC Administrator Laura Jester at laura.jester@keystonewaters.com or mail to BCWMC c/o 16145 Hillcrest Lane, Eden Prairie MN 55346.

Learn more about the BCWMC Watershed Planning Process and input opportunities at [www.bassettcreekwmo.org/document/2025-plan-update](http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/document/2025-plan-update).

1. **Do you live, work, or recreate within the Bassett Creek Watershed? If so, in what city or cities? *(check all that apply)***

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|  | **Live** | **Work** | **Recreate** |
| **Crystal** |  |  |  |
| **Golden Valley** |  |  |  |
| **Medicine Lake** |  |  |  |
| **Minneapolis** |  |  |  |
| **Minnetonka** |  |  |  |
| **New Hope** |  |  |  |
| **Plymouth** |  |  |  |
| **Robbinsdale** |  |  |  |
| **St. Louis Park** |  |  |  |

Other relationship to the BCWMC \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **How and where do you interact with the water and natural resources (lakes, streams, wetlands, natural areas) in the BCWMC?**

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|  | Check if yes | Where do you do this activity? |
| Boat on lakes (power or paddle) |  |  |
| Paddle streams |  |  |
| Fish from pier or shore |  |  |
| Bike/walk/run on trails near water |  |  |
| Watch birds or enjoy nature |  |  |
| Other activity  |  |  |

1. **Do you have adequate access to lakes, streams, and natural areas in your community?**

Yes, I can enjoy these areas within my community \_\_\_\_\_\_

No, I must travel outside of my community to enjoy these areas \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **How important are each of the following to your quality of life?**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very important | Somewhat Important | A little important | No impact on my quality of life |
| Lakes |  |  |  |  |
| Streams |  |  |  |  |
| Wetlands |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Areas |  |  |  |  |

1. **Of the following, what concerns you about the condition of lakes, streams, and natural areas in the Bassett Creek Watershed?**

**Select top FIVE concerns**

\_\_\_\_ Pollutants like road-salt, fertilizer, and pet waste entering lakes and streams

\_\_\_\_ Poor water clarity of lakes and streams

\_\_\_\_ Aquatic invasive species like zebra mussels and starry stonewort

\_\_\_\_ Health of habitats for aquatic life (fish, bugs, plants)

\_\_\_\_ Abundance and diversity of wildlife

\_\_\_\_ Erosion along stream banks or lake/pond shorelines

\_\_\_\_ Amount of trash in or around the water body

\_\_\_\_ Beach closures due to bacteria

\_\_\_\_ Boating restrictions due to overgrowth of aquatic plants

\_\_\_\_ Impacts of climate change on water levels and habitats

\_\_\_\_ Flooding

\_\_\_\_ Sustainability and quality of groundwater supplies

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Are there surface water resources or natural areas in the Bassett Creek Watershed you would like to see improved? If so, how?**

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1. **How willing are you to take the following actions around your home to improve surface water and groundwater quality?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Already do | Willing to do | Not willing to do | Not applicable |
| Reduce or eliminate salt use in winter |  |  |  |  |
| Sweep excess salt off dry pavement |  |  |  |  |
| Pick up after your pet |  |  |  |  |
| Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the street |  |  |  |  |
| “Adopt” a storm drain to keep free of debris |  |  |  |  |
| Use a rain barrel to capture and use rainwater |  |  |  |  |
| Install a rain garden or native flower garden |  |  |  |  |
| Plant drought tolerant or no-mow grass seed |  |  |  |  |
| Direct gutter downspouts onto the lawn |  |  |  |  |
| Install or improve a vegetated shoreline buffer along lakes and streams (for shoreline homeowners) |  |  |  |  |

Are there other conservation actions you already perform? If so, note them here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Please enter your email address if you would like to be contacted about any of the following**

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive updates on the 2025 Watershed Plan development process and future engagement opportunities

\_\_\_\_ I would like information about actions I can take to protect and improve water and natural resources