



## Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

### MEMO

Date: January 7, 2014  
From: Laura Jester, Administrator  
To: BCWMC Commissioners  
RE: **Administrator's Report**

Aside from this month's agenda items, the Commission Engineers, city staff, committee members, and I continue to work on the following Commission projects and issues.

#### **CIP Projects** (see project flow chart attached)

**2012 Main Stem Restoration Project, Golden Valley Rd. to Irving Ave. N., Minneapolis and Golden Valley (mostly in Wirth Park) (2012CR):** The Minneapolis Park and Rec Board held a construction meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The project is underway and most of the clearing was done for the first section which is between Hwy 55 and Glenwood Ave. Project signs should be in place around January 7<sup>th</sup>. The cold weather this week set activities back a few days. The week of January 12<sup>th</sup>, the first boulder work should be completed south of Hwy 55.

**2013 Four Season Area Water Quality Project (NL-2):** The City of Plymouth has been developing different options for the site which they will present to residents – most likely at an open house this month - to get feedback before coming to the Commission in February or March.

**2014 Schaper Pond Diversion Project, Golden Valley (SL-3):** At the December Commission meeting, the 50% plans were presented and approved. Final (90%) plans will be presented at the February or March Commission meeting. The Commission and Golden Valley recently received correspondence from the MPCA indicating that the project would be accepted by the MPCA Stormwater Program as a reduction in the wasteload of the Sweeney Lake TMDL. Additionally, a preliminary review by the MDNR indicates the current project construction and mitigation plans are likely to receive approval from the MDNR when a formal permit application is submitted.

**2014 Twin Lake In-lake Alum Treatment, Golden Valley (TW-2):** At the November meeting the Commission approved an agreement with Golden Valley to implement the project. The City of Golden Valley and their and Barr Engineering (their consultant for the project) are developing public outreach materials for distribution around the end of the month. A presentation and open house on the project will be scheduled for some time in February.

**2014 Briarwood/Dawnview Water Quality Improvement Project, Golden Valley (BC-7):** The Commission approved the 90% plans for this project at its September 2014 meeting. The project was awarded to New Look Contracting at the December 16<sup>th</sup> Golden Valley City Council Meeting. The preconstruction meeting is scheduled for the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>, with construction to begin the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>. The pond excavation is expected to be completed in early March, with final restoration to follow.

**2015 Main Stem Restoration Project 10th Avenue to Duluth Street, Golden Valley (2015CR):** The project continues to move forward. An open house meeting with property owners is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> to present plans and receive feedback on the desired approach for improvements on private properties. Golden

Valley Commissioners and staff can update the Commission on the outcomes of that meeting. 50% design plans are slated for presentation at the February Commission meeting.

**2016 Northwood Lake Improvement Project, New Hope (NL-1):** The Commission took action at its November 2014 meeting to levy up to \$1.1M for this project. A major plan amendment to the BCWMC 2004 Watershed Management Plan was submitted to State review agencies in early December. The review period ends January 30, 2015. The City of New Hope did not receive the \$50,000 grant requested from Hennepin County. The Clean Water Fund grant awardees will be announced in the next month or two.

**2016 Honeywell Pond Expansion Project, Golden Valley (BC-4):** The Commission took action at its November 2014 meeting to levy up to \$752,000 for this project. A major plan amendment to the BCWMC 2004 Watershed Management Plan was submitted to State review agencies in early December. The review period ends January 30, 2015.

## Other Projects

**Major Plan Amendment:** A request for a major plan amendment was submitted to State review agencies to incorporate the 2016 projects (shown above) into the CIP. The review period ends on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Staff will bring comments and draft responses to comments to the February 2015 Commission meeting. A public hearing on the plan amendment should be held at the March 2015 Commission meeting. See the plan amendment request documents online here:

<http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/PlanAmendments/PlanAmendmentHome.htm>

**Hennepin County Natural Resources Partnership:** This group has met three times now with plans to continue meeting several times a year to discuss issues of common interest, provide a venue for presentations on an array of poignant topics, and promote a more comprehensive and collaborative approach to county-wide natural resource management. There is not another meeting scheduled at this time.

**MPRB Ecological System Plan:** A third meeting of this group that was scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> was cancelled. A future meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Next Generation Watershed Management Plan:** The draft Watershed Management Plan was submitted for its 60-day review at the end of November. The review period ends January 30, 2015. As directed at the December Commission meeting, agenda item 5F for this meeting includes an email I sent on January 6<sup>th</sup> to residents who participated in the Watershed Summit in June 2013 and groups such as Friends of Bassett Creek, Friends of Northwood Lake, AMLAC, and Sweeney Lake/Hidden Lakes Homeowners Associations.

**Administrative Services Committee:** This committee met on October 30<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. As a result of these meetings and meetings earlier in the year, I have several administrative items to complete in the near future including:

- Develop “New Commissioner” materials – to be posted online by end of this month
- Records Retention Schedule and Data Practices Policies – a draft was reviewed by the committee; staff will meet and refine these items before bringing them back early next year
- Fiscal Policies – Some revisions to fiscal policies were approved at the December Commission meeting and were incorporated in the Commission’s Policy Document.
- Performance Review of Consultants – Commissioners and TAC members were asked via email to evaluate staff with responses due by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

# BCWMC CIP Project Flow Chart

Feasibility Study  
Approved (date)

50% Plans  
Approved (date)

90% Plans  
Approved (date)

0-500K

0.5 – 1.0M

> 1.0M

In construction

BC-4 Honeywell  
Pond Expansion  
(10/16/14)

SL-3  
Schaper Pond  
Diversion Project  
(12/18/14)

BC-7  
Briarwood/  
Dawnview  
(9/18/14)

NL-1  
Northwood Lake  
Improvement  
(11/19/14)

2012CR  
Main Stem (3/20/14)

CR2015  
Main Stem  
Restoration, GV  
(6/19/14)

NL-2 Four Seasons  
Area Water Quality  
Project (9/19/13)  
*Currently  
reconsidering  
design options*

TW-2 Twin Lake  
Alum Treatment  
(2/21/13)

