

BCWMC Capital Improvement Program

Policy on Use of CIP Funds for City Equipment Purchase

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Capital equipment that has been demonstrated to reduce loading of TMDL pollutants such as TP, TSS, or chloride, may be eligible if the request meets the CIP “gatekeeper questions” in Policy 110 from the [2015 Bassett Creek Watershed Management Plan](#) and the following requirements are met:

- 1) The equipment is new and is an upgrade to existing equipment in terms of effectiveness and/or efficiency. (Replacement of existing equipment is not eligible.)
- 2) The equipment will be used to undertake a new or expanded pollutant load-reducing activity to address specific water quality impairment(s).
- 3) Use of the equipment for the stated load reductions is supported by academic or governmental research.
- 4) The city agrees to document for at least five years the effectiveness of the capital equipment in achieving the stated load reductions. An agreement with the city will specify the documentation required.
- 5) For street sweeping equipment used to address a nutrient impairment, operation will be prioritized to maximize the collection of leaves and leaf litter debris in the fall, followed by sweeping of organic debris in the spring, followed by summer sweeping. Sweeping should be prioritized in areas with high tree canopy cover that drain directly to high priority waterbodies (i.e., areas that do not drain first to a structural stormwater BMP). Priority subwatersheds for street sweeping to address nutrient loading to BCWMC priority waterbodies are noted within the BCWMC Street Sweeping Prioritization Study (2025, or as updated).
- 6) The amount of funding to be provided will be based on the percentage of the city’s total area within the watershed (see Table 1). The maximum funding will be the percentage in Table 1 multiplied by the total equipment cost.
- 7) Funding will only be provided for initial equipment purchase and not operational costs or maintenance.

Member City	Percentage of City Area in BCWMC
Crystal	33.6
Golden Valley	100.0
Medicine Lake	100.0
Minneapolis	4.6
Minnetonka	6.0
New Hope	38.3
Plymouth	51.2
Robbinsdale	18.0
St. Louis Park	10.8

Examples of equipment purchase that may be eligible include equipment to begin or expand pre-wetting or anti-icing, or adding or upgrading to a regenerative air street sweeper. Only the incremental cost of such an upgrade would be eligible for cost share.