

Appendix C. Characteristics and Classification of Major BCWMC Waterbodies (Updated February 2024)

Name	BCWMC Classification in 2025 Plan	MDNR Public Waters Classification	Water Surface Area (acres)	Lake size >10 acres (new field; criterion for nutrient impairment)	Tributary Watershed Area (acres)	Public Beach	Public Access ¹	Listed as 303(d) Impaired Water by MPCA ² (draft 2024)	Location of Waterbody ³	Intercommunity Watershed (Cities within watershed) ³	Waterbody Discharges to:	Past BCWMC monitoring (latest year)	Has history of CAMP monitoring	BCWMC Classification per 2004 Plan	MPCA classification, if available	Eligible to be listed as impaired for nutrients/eutrophication ⁴ (suggest removing as incomplete)
North Branch Bassett Creek ⁵	Priority Stream	Stream	--	--	2625	No	Yes	Yes (B)	PL, NH, CR	Yes (PL, NH, CR, GV)	Bassett Creek	Yes (2018-19)	NA	NA	Stream	Yes
Main Stem Bassett Creek	Priority Stream	Stream	--	--	2561	No	Yes	Yes (B, Cl, FIBI, MIBI)	PL, GV, CR	Yes (all)	Mississippi River	Yes (Annual WOMP)	NA	Level 3	Stream	Yes
Plymouth Creek	Priority Stream	Stream	--	--	5427	No	Yes	Yes (B, Cl, MIBI)	PL	No	Medicine Lake	Yes (2022-23)	NA	NA	Stream	Yes
Sweeney Branch Bassett Creek	Priority Stream	Stream	--	--	1682	No	Yes	Yes (B)	SP, GV	Yes (SLP, GV)	Bassett Creek	Yes (2020-21)	NA	NA	Stream	Yes
Medicine Lake	Priority 1 Deep Lake	Lake	902	Yes	11014	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes (N, HgF, FIBI)	PL, ML	Yes (ML, PL, NH, GV, MK)	Bassett Creek	Yes (2024)	Yes	Level 1	Deep	Yes
Parkers Lake	Priority 1 Deep Lake	Lake	97	Yes	1065	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes (Cl, HgF)	PL	No	Medicine Lake	Yes (2021)	Yes	Level 1	Deep	Yes
Sweeney Lake	Priority 1 Deep Lake	Lake	67	Yes	2397	No	Yes ¹	Yes (Cl)	GV	Yes (GV, SP)	Bassett Creek	Yes (2021)	Yes	Level 1	Deep	Yes
Twin Lake	Priority 1 Deep Lake	Lake	21	Yes	131	Yes	Yes	No	GV	No	Sweeney Lake	Yes (2021)	Yes	Level 1	Deep	Yes
Wirth Lake	Priority 1 Deep Lake	Lake	38	Yes	405	Yes	Yes	Yes (Cl, HgF)	GV	Yes (GV, MP)	Bassett Creek	No ⁶	No	Level 1	Deep	Yes
Northwood Lake	Priority 1 Shallow Lake	Lake	15	Yes	1294	No	Yes	Yes (N)	NH	Yes (PL, NH)	Bassett Creek	Yes (2022)	Yes	Level 2	Shallow	Yes
Westwood Lake	Priority 1 Shallow Lake	Lake	38	Yes	463	No	Yes	No	SP	Yes (GV, SP, MK)	NA	Yes (2021)	Yes	Level 2	Shallow	Yes
Cavanaugh (Sunset Hill) Pond	Priority 2 Shallow Lake	Lake	13	Yes	126	No	No	No	PL	No	NA	Yes (2019)	Yes	NA	Shallow	Yes
Crane Lake	Priority 2 Shallow Lake	Lake	30	Yes	591	No	No	Yes (Cl)	MK	No	Medicine Lake	Yes (2021)	No (1993, 2014)	Level 3	Shallow	Yes
Lost Lake	Priority 2 Shallow Lake	Lake	22	Yes	61	No	No	Yes (N)	PL	No	NA	Yes (2022)	Yes	Level 2	Shallow	Yes
Birch Pond	--	Lake	4.0	No	55	No	Yes	NA	MP	Yes (GV, MP)	NA	No ⁶	No	NA	--	No
Cortlawn Pond	--	--	5.6	No	457	No	Yes	NA	GV	Yes (GV, SP)	Sweeney Branch	No	No	Level 3	--	No
East Ring Pond	--	--	2.5	No	364	No	Yes	NA	GV	No	Cortlawn Pond	No	No	Level 3	--	No
Grimes Pond	--	Wetland	6.1	No	114	No	Yes	NA	RB	No	North Rice Pond	No	No ⁷	Level 3	Wetland	No
Hidden Lake	--	Wetland	9	No	142	No	No	??	PL	No	Medicine Lake	No	Yes	NA	Deep	No
North Rice Pond	--	Wetland	3.7	No	233	No	Yes	NA	RB	Yes (CR, GV, MP, RB)	South Rice Pond	Limited (2013)	No ⁷	Level 3	Wetland	No
Schaper Pond	--	Wetland	3.4	No	2070	No	Yes	NA	GV	Yes (GV, SP)	Sweeney Lake	Limited (2023)	No	NA	--	No
South Rice Pond	--	Wetland	3.2	No	514	No	Yes	NA	RB, GV	Yes (CR, GV, MP, RB)	Bassett Creek	Limited (2013)	No ⁷	Level 3	--	No
Spring Lake	--	Lake	4.3	No	43	No	Yes ¹	Yes (Cl)	MP	No	NA	No ⁶	No	NA	--	No
Turtle Lake	--	Lake	50 ⁸	Yes	420	No	Yes	NA	PL	No	Plymouth Creek	No	No	Level 2	Wetland	No
West Ring Pond	--	--	4.8	No	319	No	Yes	NA	GV	No	East Ring Pond	No	No	Level 3	--	No

-- = yellow highlight indicates values updated since 2015 Plan

¹ Public access includes is defined as adjacent public land; motorized boat access is also present at Medicine and Parkers Lake; non-motorized boat access is present at Sweeney Lake and Spring Lake.

² N = nutrients, Cl = chloride, FIBI = fish bioassessments, MIBI = macroinvertebrate bioassessments, B = bacteria, Hg = mercury in water, HgF = mercury in fish, O = other.

³ CR = Crystal, GV = Golden Valley, MK = Minnetonka, ML = Medicine Lake, MP = Minneapolis, PL = Plymouth, NH = New Hope, RB = Robbinsdale, SP = St. Louis Park

⁴ To be listed as impaired for nutrients, a lake must be designated as a deep or shallow lake by the MPCA and have a surface area of 10 acres or more.

⁵ For the purposes of BCWMC classification, Bassett Creek Park Pond is considered part of the North Branch Bassett Creek.

⁶ Wirth Lake, Spring Lake, and Birch Pond are monitored by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

⁷ Grimes Pond, North Rice Pond and South Rice Pond were monitored by Three Rivers Park District in 2020 and 2021.

⁸ Area of Turtle Lake includes north (15 acre) and south (35 acre) portions.