

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday June 12, 2024 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Wirth Lake Room, Brookview

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. COMMUNICATIONS & UPDATES
 - A. Proposed 2025 Operating Budget
 - **B.** Joint Powers Agreement
 - C. Survey on Enforcement of BCWMC Requirements (e.g., buffers)
 - D. Minnesota Cities Stormwater Coalition Update
 - i. Status of development of guidance/checklist for MS4 permit linear project requirements

3. BUSINESS

A. Maintenance Levy

At their meeting in April, the Commission approved a TAC recommendation to pursue establishment of a maintenance levy through Hennepin County to help fund the H&H model conversion and update project. BCWMC staff and county staff will begin working on this. Because a minor amendment to the watershed plan is needed in conjunction with maintenance levy establishment, the earliest the BCWMC could collect maintenance funds is 2026. At this meeting staff will present initial ideas for maintenance levy uses and corresponding policy language.

B. Street Sweeping Prioritization Project

Multiple watershed districts have recently completed projects to gather and review information on existing street sweeping programs within their watersheds and to evaluate and prioritize areas for potential street sweeping program enhancements and partnerships. At this meeting staff will provide an overview on the work that other watersheds have done and share examples of outcomes from some of these studies. The TAC should discuss if a similar street sweeping evaluation would be useful in the BCWMC. Results of the project could help cities better prioritize their street sweeping efforts toward protecting and improving water quality and/or could be used to help develop an enhanced street sweeping cost share program.

C. Assessing Social Vulnerability

As the 2025-2035 Watershed Management Plan is being developed, staff is considering mechanisms for enhancing the equitable delivery of projects and programs within the watershed. At their August 2023 workshop, the Commission assigned a "medium" priority to the issue of "projects and programs are implemented through a DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) lens." Under this agenda item, staff will provide an overview of how other watersheds have recently used various regional and federal data sets to gain insights on demographics and social considerations within the areas that they serve, to better understand areas of social vulnerability and to consider equity in program delivery. Staff is interested in hearing how member cities may or may not already be using vulnerability assessment data to inform their project and program delivery and how they might be integrating equity practices into natural resources-related work.

4. ADJOURN