



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

September 21, 2015

Dear Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission Member Cities, Agencies, and Partners,

On behalf of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, I thank you for your input and assistance with the development of the 2015 – 2025 BCWMC Watershed Management Plan! Enclosed is a copy of the plan (if requested). The entire Plan is also available at www.bassettcreekwmo.org.

The 2015 – 2025 BCWMC Watershed Management Plan was developed with input from BCWMC Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners, Steering Committee members, and staff along with staff and officials from the member cities, residents, state agencies, the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, lake organizations, and park districts. It was a big effort with many good discussions and decisions resulting in goals and policies that will benefit the lakes, streams, and wetlands of the watershed. (Appendix E in the Plan describes the outreach and public involvement process and results.)

The Plan was prepared and reviewed in accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 103B.231. This process included a 60-day review period of the draft Plan. The BCWMC addressed every comment and revised the Plan in response to the comments. The process further included a public hearing on May 21, 2015 (no comments were received), and a 90-day review period of the revised Plan that began on June 1, 2015. The Plan was revised after the 90-day review period in response to comments received and to add clarification to other areas of the Plan. There were no significant changes to policies or requirements. The revisions included:

- Minor revisions to the inventory section (Section 2), including updates to Figure 2-7 to show recently updated Wellhead Protection Areas in the City of St. Louis Park
- Additional text to clarify roles and responsibilities regarding the management of the old and new Bassett Creek tunnels (Sections 2 & 5; Appendices I & H)
- Revisions to policy 12 (Section 4) allowing cities to use a BCWMC-approved alternative to the MIDS Design Sequence Flow Chart
- Clarifying revisions to the Requirements for Improvements and Development Proposals document (App. H)

The 2015-2025 BCWMC Watershed Management Plan was approved by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources on August 27, 2015 and adopted by the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission on September 17, 2015. The requirements and policies of the Plan are now in effect.

The BCWMC reminds member cities of their obligation to adopt and amend local water management plans in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 103B.235 and Minn. Rules Chapter 8410, as amended. Please contact the BCWMC Administrator if you have questions or need assistance with this process.

The BCWMC looks forward to continued cooperation on projects and programs that benefit our water resources and communities!

Sincerely,

Jim de Lambert, Chair