

July 15, 2004

Mr. Brad Wozney  
Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources  
One West Water Street, Suite 200  
St. Paul, MN 55107

**Re: Final Plan Review and Approval – Bassett Creek Water Management Commission  
*Watershed Management Plan***

Dear Mr. Wozney:

Please find enclosed one hard copy of the final draft of the Bassett Creek Water Management Commission (BCWMC) *Watershed Management Plan* (Plan). A CD-ROM copy of the plan will follow in a separate mailing. On behalf of the BCWMC Commissioners, I am pleased to submit this Plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for its final review and approval.

The BCWMC Commissioners received comments from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), BWSR, the Metropolitan (Met) Council, the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the city of St. Louis Park during the 45-day review period.

I look forward to notification of final approval of the Plan by BWSR. I understand that the BWSR is aware that the BCWMC needs prompt approval of the Plan to proceed with several water quality projects in 2005. If BWSR approves the Plan later than its August 25, 2004 Board meeting, then the BCWMC's implementation of these projects could be delayed another year, to 2006 due to timing constraints on funding. For example, one of the member cities, New Hope, must start construction on one of the projects shortly after the September BCWMC meeting. The Plan calls for that project to be funded with a county tax levy. If the Plan is not approved in time for the BCWMC to adopt the Plan at their September meeting, the project will not be eligible for this funding. This would be a significant hardship for New Hope.

If you have any questions about the plan, please contact me at 763-764-2422 or Len Kremer, BCWMC engineer, at 952-832-2600.

Very truly yours,



John A. O'Toole  
Chair, Bassett Creek Water Management Commission

Enclosure

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