



BASSETT CREEK WATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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Bassett Creek Water Management Commission – Role in Water Management

The Bassett Creek Water Management Commission (BCWMC) is involved in the following water management activities: overall water management plan preparation and adoption, project reviews, inspections, monitoring and other activities.

1. **Water Management Plan.** Adopted a comprehensive watershed management plan and water quality management plan that includes:
 - Floodplain management program
 - Stormwater management program
 - Groundwater management policy
 - Water quality goals for major surface waters
 - Capital improvement plans for flood control and water quality improvement
 - Wetland preservation policy (replace by Wetland Conservation Act)

2. **Project Reviews.** The BCWMC reviews new development projects, redevelopment projects, and roadway construction projects, for conformance with the BCWMC plan and the Water Quality Management Plan. The project reviews consider the following issues:
 - Stormwater management
 - Floodplain impacts
 - Erosion control
 - Land use
 - Outflow conveyance
 - Flow diversions
 - Wetland mitigation
 - Groundwater

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3. **Inspections.** The BCWMC performs:

- Monthly erosion control inspections of construction sites
- Periodic maintenance inspections of water quality ponds
- Wetland inspections as part of administering the Wetland Conservation Act
- As-needed inspections in response to reports of water resource problems.

4. **Water Resources Monitoring.** The BCWMC conducts:

- Lake level and stream flow monitoring
- Lake water quality monitoring every three years
- Stream water quality (biota) sampling every four years
- Automatic stream water quality sampling, in partnership with the Metropolitan Council

5. **Other Activities.** The BCWMC also:

- Develops an annual budget for its activities
- Communicates important BCWMC information to its member cities, citizens and developers
- Reviews city water resource management plans

Resources Available from the BCWMC

- Annual reports
- Maps
- Lake and stream water quality data
- Lake level and stream flow data
- Floodplain management data and stormwater discharge data

BCWMC Contact

There are nine BCWMC commissioners, representing each member city. The commissioners are assisted by city staff, their legal counsel, and their engineering consultant. The contact person for BCWMC is Pat Schutrop, recording secretary, Barr Engineering Co. She can be contacted at (952) 832-2652, or by e-mail: pschutrop@barr.com. The BCWMC also has a website: www.bassettcreekwmo.org