

Memorandum

To: Commissioners, Bassett Creek Water Management Commission
From: Barr Engineering Company
Subject: Items on the Commission's May 15, 2003 Meeting Agenda
Date: May 8, 2003
Project: 23/27 051 2003

1. Sunset Hill Nature Center Project Funding Request:

Summary

Requesting Agency: Sunset Hill Nature Center, Plymouth MN (Wayzata Public Schools)

Proposed Project: Sunset Hills Elementary School and the Sunset Hills Nature Center is located in the Bassett Creek Watershed. The school uses the Nature Center for a variety of educational activities including a popular pond water quality study. Students collect water samples from a pond at the Nature Center and then study the pond water and organisms. Three small docks at the pond provide access to the pond. Over the years, the docks have become unstable. The school has begun the process of replacing the docks with a single floating dock.

Funding Request: The school has currently raised \$2,800 for replacing the dock. An additional \$1,500 is still needed to complete the project. The school has requested the Commission's consideration for funding a portion of the project as part of the Commission's education program.

Correspondence: See attached letter.

Recommendation: For discussion

2. Proposed Education Plan with Minneapolis Schools

Summary

Requesting Agency: Cairn & Associates

Proposed Project: Cairn & Associates proposes to develop a watershed education plan with the Minneapolis Public Schools. Cairn & Associates has requested participation from Minneapolis Public Schools, Mississippi River WMO, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Shingle Creek WMO, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, MN DNR, Hennepin

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Conservation District/Hennepin County, Friends of the Mississippi River, EcoEducation, Bassett Creek WMO and others.

Funding & Participation Request: The 2003 Work Plan includes a proposed budget of \$17,040 that will be fully funded by the Mississippi River WMO. Minneapolis School District supports the program and will provide funding for its teachers time. Cairn & Associates has requested the Commission's involvement in the program. Involvement includes attendance at 3 – 5 meetings during the year to provide input regarding development and review of its plan. The plan may result in future funding requests to implement projects after the plan has been completed.

Correspondence: See attached letter.

Recommendation: For discussion

3. 2002 Annual Report

Enclosed is a final copy of the 2002 Annual Report. This report was prepared in accordance with the Annual Reporting Requirements set forth in the Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8410.0150. The report will be submitted to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

4. For Information Only

a. Qwest Utility Crossing: Golden Valley

A utility plan was reviewed for installing a conduit beneath Bassett Creek. The project includes directional boring a 4-inch PVC conduit under Bassett Creek at Duluth Street. The new conduit will be placed beneath the existing culvert at Duluth Street. The work will not require disturbance of the actual creek bank and channel. A letter of approval was sent to the City of Golden Valley.