



Memorandum

To: Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
From: Barr Engineering Company
Subject: Item 6B – Proposed BCWMC Projects for Clean Water Fund Grant Application
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6B. Proposed BCWMC Projects for Clean Water Fund Grant Application

Recommended/requested Commission action:

1. Select projects to include in application for Clean Water Fund Grants
2. Direct staff to prepare Clean Water Fund Grant application(s)

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) recently released the request for proposals (RFP) for their 2010 Competitive Grant Application. The application will include the Interagency Clean Water Fund Application, along with three other areas of application. The application period begins October 15, and applications are due December 1, 2009 (the application forms will be available soon). The attached information regarding the Clean Water Fund grants is from the Grants page on the BWSR website; note the ranking criteria on the last page.

At the September Commission meeting, the Commission asked staff to provide information regarding all of the potential projects that the Commission could consider for its application for Clean Water Fund grants. The table below lists the potential projects; projects in bold are those that are proposed for implementation in the next few years:

Table 1 Potential Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Proposed Year(s) of Implementation
Channel Restoration Projects		
Plymouth Creek, Medicine Lake to 26th Avenue	\$845,200	2010
Main Stem, Crystal Boundary to Regent Avenue	\$636,100	2010-2011
Main Stem, Duluth Street to Westbrook Road	\$715,000	2011—2012
North Branch, 36 th Avenue Bassett Creek Park	\$660,000	2013-2014
Plymouth Creek, 26 th Avenue to 37 th Avenue	\$559,000	2015

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Project	Estimated Cost	Proposed Year(s) of Implementation
Stormwater BMP Projects		
Pond NL-2 (Northwood Lake)	\$943,000	2011-2012
Ponds BC-3, 5, 7 (Main Stem)	\$1,300,000	2012-2017
Ponds BC-2, 4, 6, 8 (Main Stem)	\$1,208,000	2013-2016
Ponds NL1 (Northwood Lake)	\$595,000	2014-2015

All of the above projects are included in the Commission's CIP. Although not currently in the CIP, the modification of the Wirth Lake outlet structure (proposed as part of the Wirth Lake TMDL) could also be considered for a grant application. The project could be partially paid for with funds the Commission collected to implement CIP projects WTH-2 and WTH-3. The Commission authorized these projects in 2006.

The BWSR website makes the following important notes about the Competitive Grant Application:

- The CWF Implementation funds must emphasize outcomes through implementation of projects and initiatives
- Water quality monitoring is not an eligible activity for these funds
- Clean Water Funds are directed at water quality benefits.
- Leveraged funds claimed in successful applications that have been used as part of the evaluation process must be identified in the project work plan and reported as part of project expenditures
- All data collected as part of funded grant projects is public data.
- Eligible projects must be electronically submitted by the application deadline.
- Notes the dates and locations of Outreach Meetings where more information about the grant application process will be available.