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## Memorandum

**To:** Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission  
**From:** Barr Engineering Company  
**Subject:** Item 6C – Resource Management Plan Status Update  
**Date:** January 14, 2010  
**Project:** 23/27 051 2009 616

### 6C. Resource Management Plan Status Update

#### Recommended/requested Commission actions:

1. Authorize Barr to prepare the protocols for further evaluation of the projects in the RMP, include the protocols in the RMP, and submit the final RMP to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

#### Resource Management Plan Status Update – Meeting with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

On January 12, 2010 representatives of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission—Commissioners Michael Welch, Jim DeLambert and Daniel Stauner, and Len Kremer and Jeff Lee from Barr Engineering—met with Joe Yanta, Melissa Jenny and Brad Johnson from the St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE). The meeting was intended to provide an opportunity for BCMWC and COE to develop a mutually satisfactory approach to 1) obtaining final approval of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) from the COE, and 2) developing a plan for addressing cultural resource issues that are required for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and final permitting approvals for each of the projects included in the RMP. The preparation of the RMP for the Commission projects was recommended by the COE and approval of the plan will streamline the project permitting process with the COE.

The outcome of the meeting was that the BCWMC would draft protocols that would outline data collection that might need to be completed by the Commission, other permitting that will need to be completed and plan submittals that will be needed to obtain final approval. Based upon the discussions in the meeting the primary focus of the process would be to define the level of survey for architectural, archeological, and cultural sites that are potentially significant, as well as wetland delineations, for areas that could be impacted by the implementation projects.

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Based on the discussions at the meeting and subsequent discussions with COE staff, the protocols will address the comments the COE received regarding the RMP. The protocols need to be added to the RMP document and the final RMP would then be submitted to the COE for their approval.

Staff estimates that preparing the protocols, including the protocols in the RMP, and submitting the final RMP to the COE would cost \$1,500.