



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

TO: Watershed Management Plan Reviewers
FROM: Laura Jester, BCWMC Administrator
Date: November 25, 2014

SUBJECT: 60-Day Comment Period for Bassett Creek Watershed Management Plan

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) prepared the attached draft Watershed Management Plan (Plan) to update and replace the current BCWMC Plan, which was adopted in 2004. The draft Plan was prepared in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103B and Minnesota Rules 8410.

The draft Plan is being submitted for 60-day agency review to the state review agencies (plus the Minnesota Department of Transportation), the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), the Metropolitan Council, the county, cities, Three Rivers Park District and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Depending on your receipt preferences, enclosed, please find either a printed copy of the draft Plan, a CD with a PDF of the draft Plan, or links to plan sections on this webpage:

<http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/NextGenerationPlan2015/2015WatershedManagementPlanHome.htm>.

Reviewers are referred to MN Statutes 103B.231, Subd. 7, 8 and 9 for guidance regarding the review process. Plan reviewers have 60 days from receipt of the draft Plan to complete their reviews and forward their comments to the BCWMC, with copies sent to the BWSR. **Assuming December 1, 2014 is the date of receipt, the 60-day review period will end on January 30, 2015.**

Please submit written comments to the BCWMC at:

Ms. Laura Jester

Preferred by email at: laura.jester@kestonewaters.com

Or by mail at:

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Please also send copies of your comments to the BWSR at:

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Upon completion of the 60-day review period and receipt of comments, the BCWMC will prepare a document responding to the comments received on the draft Plan. The BCWMC will hold a public hearing at least 10 days following the distribution of the responses to comments, and no sooner than 14 days after the 60-day review period. Following the public hearing, the BCWMC will make any necessary revisions to the draft Plan before submitting the draft Plan to the BWSR for 90-day (final) review and approval.

Below is the complete distribution list for the Plan submittal. If you believe we omitted a person or organization, if you're not the correct person to receive this, or if you have any other comments regarding the mailing list or comment submittal process, please contact Laura Jester at 952-270-1990 or laura.jester@keystonewaters.com.

Distribution List for 60-day Review of BCWMC Draft Watershed Management Plan:

- Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Metropolitan Council
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Hennepin County
- BCWMC Member Cities: Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park
- Three Rivers Park District
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- Adjoining WMOs: Mississippi WMO, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Elm Creek WMC, Shingle Creek WMC