In FY 2016, the BCWMC spent approximately $628,000 on activities and programs and $2.8 million on capital projects. BCWMC income included $490,300 from member cities, $313,270 in State grants, $50,000 in reimbursements, and $53,400 in development review fees. Another $1.222 million was collected through a Hennepin County tax levy on watershed residents for the capital projects. For an itemization or more information on the BCWMC’s 2016 expenditures, see the Year End Financial Report in Appendix A or the financial audit online.
The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) is governed by a board composed of representatives from each of the nine member cities: Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, St. Louis Park, and Robbinsdale. Representatives are appointed by their cities and serve three-year terms.

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Water Monitoring Activities

The BCWMC assessed the health of its lakes and streams through various monitoring activities including:

- Assessed the health of Northwood, Crane, and Medicine Lakes by collecting data on water quality, plankton, and aquatic plants (Appendix B)
- Participated in Metropolitan Council Environmental Services’ Citizen-Assisted Monitoring Program (CAMP) for seven lakes
- Performed continuous stream monitoring on Bassett Creek, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

Education & Outreach Activities

- Partnered with Metro Blooms on the Harrison Neighborhood Project to engage residents, train youth, and install water quality practices in Minneapolis’ Near North neighborhood. Received $100,000 grant from the Met Council for this project which will continue into 2018.
- Assisted with project by photography and environmental students from Blake School of Minneapolis to learn about and develop virtual for four BCWMC projects. Virtual tours are posted on BCWMC project webpages.
- Participated with the West Metro Water Alliance, a consortium of watershed organizations and other partners that collaborate on education programming including programs in 4th grade classrooms, and development and promotion of the “Pledge to Plant” campaign.
- Provided watershed education to the public at the Plymouth Yard/Garden Expo, the Golden Valley Arts and Music Festival, and the Westwood Nature Center restoration event.
- Provided watershed map, native plant seed packets, and dog waste bag dispensers at watershed education events.
- Provided financial support to Metro Watershed Partners for their “Clean Water MN” media campaign, and the Children’s Water Festival.
- Provided funding for Commissioner education for conference registrations.
- Developed and fabricated new educational display materials including banners, bean bag toss, and watershed map.
- Provided funding for the Hennepin County’s River Watch - a program for high school students to collect benthic invertebrates to determine stream health.
- Hosted a watershed tour with stops at three project sites plus demonstrations of macroinvertebrate collections and winter maintenance equipment.

Find information about all the major BCWMC lakes & streams at: www.bassetcreekwmo.org