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June 5, 2013

Ms. Ginny Black, Chair
Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
Plymouth City Hall
3400 Plymouth Blvd
Plymouth, MN 55447

Subject: Lakeview Park Pond Project

Dear Chair Black:

At its April 18, 2013 meeting, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) discussed the proposed Lakeview Park Pond Project that is included in its Capital Improvement Plan for construction in 2014. The proposed project is intended to provide nutrient and sediment removal from the portion of the Medicine Lake sub-watershed within Golden Valley, with an overall goal of meeting the water quality goals for Medicine Lake as outlined in the Medicine Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study.

During the discussion at the April meeting, several concerns were raised regarding the constructability of the project, specifically relating to flooding of homes adjacent to the park and the stability of the soils within the park. Following the April 18th meeting, the City of Golden Valley requested that it's consulting engineer for the project, SEH, complete further analysis of these issues and provide a report outlining the findings. This report, dated May 28, 2013, is attached to this letter for reference. In summary, it has been determined that the construction of the Lakeview Park Pond is not viable until the flooding issues adjacent to the park can be resolved.

In order to address the flooding issues on private property adjacent to Lakeview Park, it may be necessary to purchase the homes which would allow for construction of a water quality pond that meets the nutrient removal goals of the Medicine Lake TMDL and the BCWMC.

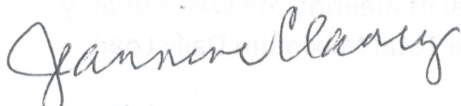
Based upon the results of the SEH analysis and the above discussion, the City of Golden Valley has determined that the proposed Lakeview Park Pond project is not feasible at this time and the City will no longer be pursuing the implementation of the project. Unfortunately, this will result in the loss of what appears to be the only opportunity in

Golden Valley to provide significant water quality treatment for Medicine Lake. The City also requests that the BCWMC re-evaluate its policy on the purchase of necessary easements and right of way for water quality improvement projects. Should the BCWMC determine that purchase of these easements is an appropriate Commission project expense, the City will reconsider implementation of the Lakeview Park Pond project on behalf of the Commission.

As discussed at the April 18th meeting, the City's Pavement Management Program will include the reconstruction of the streets within the Lakeview Park neighborhood in 2015. As part of this project, the City will evaluate the potential establishment of a wetland or wet prairie within the portion of Lakeview Park that was intended for the construction of the water quality pond.

Please feel free to contact me at 763.593.8035, if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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