

April 5, 2011

Mr. Phil Votruba
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Re: Comment on Upper Mississippi River Bacteria TMDL

Dear Mr. Votruba:

I recommend that the proposed reductions for the unnamed stream 07010206-552 (North Branch of Bassett Creek) be reconsidered. The watershed of the stream is highly urbanized and flow in the stream is principally urban storm water so the standards that were used to develop the reductions are inappropriate. In the past the stream was significantly altered by human activity that is irreversible, most of it is channelized, it has no opportunities for swimming, fishing or boating, and it has long periods of no flow almost every year. Please contact me or Laura Jester (952 270 1990), administrator for Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission for additional information.

Thank you,

Len Kremer P.E.

c. Laura Jester
Karen Chandler