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Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2013 9:43 AM
To: 'Stephen M. Dent'; Harris, Shep; Clausen, Joanie; Pentel, Paula; Scanlon, DeDe; Schmidgall, Steve
Cc: Burt, Tom; Oliver, Jeff; Eckman, Eric; Laura Jester (laura.jester@keystonewaters.com); gblack@plymouthmn.gov; Bassett Creek Recording Administrator (aherbert@barr.com)
Subject: RE: Employee recognition

Dear Mr. Dent and Dr. Holtan:

Thank you for the kind email that you wrote to recognize Eric Eckman as the city's project manager of the Bassett Creek Stream Bank Stabilization project; and facilitator of the city's allocation of channel maintenance funds. As you have observed, Eric is a skilled project manager and is very dedicated to delivering quality projects and services to our citizens.

On behalf of the City of Golden Valley and the Bassett Creek Water Management Commission, thank you for your personal example and commitment to protecting and improving surface water quality. Your involvement in the project was a successful example of a public-private partnership that will serve as a model for the watershed as it continues its efforts of creek restoration.

Thank you again!

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From: Stephen M. Dent [<mailto:sdent@partneringintelligence.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 3:26 PM
To: Harris, Shep; Clausen, Joanie; Pentel, Paula; Scanlon, DeDe; Schmidgall, Steve
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Subject: Employee recognition

Dear Mayor Harris and Council Members,

Last October, after more than a year of planning, I completed a Bassett Creek bank stabilization improvement in my backyard. Due to the shape of my acre-size property, located at 5929 St. Croix Ave North, I have a significant amount of creek bank. I was concerned about flooding and erosions. Shortly after purchasing my property in November, 2010, I started working with Public Works Specialist Eric Eckman. Mr. Eckman did an outstanding job in helping me protect the creek banks, thus helping to improve the water quality of Bassett Creek.

Here is a chronology of some of Mr. Eckman's activities to accomplish this goal:

1. Investigated sources of funding to help me pay for this project (It was over a \$33,000. investment for me and the BCWMD).
2. Develop a contract between me and the city of Golden Valley, using Bassett Creek Watershed funds
3. Provided me with a list of known contractors with the capability of successfully completing this job

4. Worked with two of my neighbors to coordinate the job - Colonial Acres Nursing Home and Mr. Phil Hirsch - who participated in stabilizing their portion of the creek bank, as well
5. Obtained permits from three government agencies - city of Golden Valley, BCWMD, and MNDNR - and verified specifications and requirements
6. Worked with my contractor, Debbie Perschl and Twin Cities Landscaping, to ensure they understood the project specifications and requirements
7. Conducted routine inspections during the course of the project to ensure all work was properly completed and no work would have to be re-done
8. Signed off on the project when completed
9. Ensured I received payment for the city of Golden Valley/BCWMD portion of the work

Mr. Eckman was thorough, thoughtful, and professional, always returning phone calls and e-mails promptly.

The citizens of Golden Valley are fortunate to have such professional employees in their city and the city is lucky to have him as an employee. Mr. Eckman should be commended for his fine work.

Sincerely,

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