



## Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

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Mr. Daniel Kalmon  
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### Re: Review of General Amendment to the 2011 – 2021 Mississippi Watershed Management Organization Watershed Management Plan

Dear Mr. Kalmon:

Thank you for providing the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) with the opportunity to review the General Amendment to the 2011–2021 Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) Watershed Management Plan (Plan). On behalf of the BCWMC, we offer the following comments regarding the General Amendment to the MWMO Plan.

1. The second paragraph of Section 2.1 (History), includes the following text (the underlined text is the MWMO's proposed added text):

"In 2000, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, MWMO, and the City of Minneapolis entered into a joint and cooperative agreement, which resulted in a boundary change that transferred 1,002 acres from the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission to the MWMO to address the completion of the new Bassett Creek tunnel that now provides 50cfs in overflow (Appendix K)."

To clarify where the 50 cfs overflow must be accommodated, we recommend replacing the above text with the following (suggested deleted text shown as stricken and new text as underline):

"In 2000, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, MWMO, and the City of Minneapolis entered into a joint and cooperative agreement, which resulted in a boundary change that transferred 1,002 acres from the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission to the MWMO to address the completion of the new Bassett Creek tunnel ~~that now provides 50cfs in overflow~~. The agreement requires accommodation of a 50 cfs overflow from Bassett Creek to the old tunnel during the 100-year flood event (Appendix K)."

This is similar to the language already in the draft MWMO plan in Section 4.5.2 (SURFACE WATER RESOURCES), under "Bassett Creek."

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2. The last paragraph of Section 3.1.1 (Volume Control in Urban Areas), includes the following text:  
"The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission has approved a policy to adopt MPCA's minimal impact design standards and they are in the process of revising their Watershed Management Plan. A draft with the minimal impact design standards in it should be out for review in 2014. "

The BCWMC recently submitted their draft Watershed Management Plan for 60-day review; the draft plan includes the policy adopting the MPCA's minimal impact design standards. We recommend replacing the above text with the following:

"The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission's draft Watershed Management Plan includes a policy adopting the MPCA's minimal impact design standards. The draft plan is out for review, with BWSR approval expected in 2015."

3. We are pleased that the City of Minneapolis and MWMO are proposing a joint project that includes renovation of the old tunnel to prevent structural failure of the tunnel, as described in Section 6.1, Capital Improvement Schedule, Old Bassett Creek Tunnel: Water quality and water conservation improvements. It is important to maintain the structural integrity of the old tunnel because it must accommodate flood flows from Bassett Creek (see comment 1 above).

Again, thank you for the opportunity to review the General Amendment. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim de Lambert  
Chair, Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

c: Steve Christopher, BWSR