



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

MEMO

To: BCWMC Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners
From: Administrator Jester on Behalf of the Plan Steering Committee
Date: November 11, 2025

RE: Recommendations on Responses to Comments and Overview of Final Plan Approval Process

See corresponding materials:

- Item 5Ci Responses to Comments from 60-day Review
- Item 5Cii Revisions to 10-year Goals

The BCWMC Plan Steering Committee (PSC) met on October 8, October 15, and November 5 to review comments on the draft Watershed Management Plan submitted during the 60-day review period. Comments were received from multiple partners and agencies including:

- Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Metropolitan Council
- Hennepin County
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
- City of Minneapolis
- Dave Stack, resident
- Friends of Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden

The BCWMC must respond to each comment in writing and must submit those comments to reviewers at least 10 days before a public hearing. The **PSC recommends** the responses included with meeting materials with highlighting indicating the level of discussion by the PSC. You might also note the column indicating whether the comment/response will result in a revision to the plan document.

Because multiple commenters requested that 10-year goals in the plan be more measurable or quantifiable, the PSC also reviewed and discussed each goal to make sure progress toward the goal could be assessed biennially, as required. The **PSC recommends** revisions to many of the goals, as shown in a separate document included with meeting materials.

The process for plan approval includes the following steps. The **PSC recommends** that the Commission set a public hearing on the draft plan for December 18th during the regular meeting.

- November 19, 2025: Commission considers approval of responses to comments, authorizes submittal of responses to commenters, and sets public hearing for December 18th.
- November 20 – December 9, 2025: Staff submits responses to all commenters, officially notices public hearing, and begins plan revisions
- December 18, 2025: Commission holds a public hearing on draft plan, reviews plan revisions that are considered substantial, and approves submittal of the plan for 90-day review (pending outcomes from the public hearing)
- January – March 2026: 90-day comment period
- March 2, 2026: Presentation of draft plan to BWSR Central Region Committee, St. Paul
- March 25, 2026: BWSR Board considers approval at their regular Board meeting
- April 16, 2026: Commission considers adoption of plan