



## Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Proposed Revisions to Section [4.2.6 Wetland Management Policies](#)

**Policy 65.** The BCWMC requires member cities to inventory, classify and determine the functions and values of wetlands, either through a comprehensive wetland management plan or as required by the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA).

Member cities shall maintain a database of wetland functions and values assessment results. The BCWMC encourages member cities to complete comprehensive wetland management plans as part of their local water management plan or as an implementation task identified in their local water management plan. Completed comprehensive wetland management plans shall be submitted to the BCWMC for review and comment.

**Policy 66.** The BCWMC requires member cities to develop and implement wetland protection ordinances that consider the results of wetland functions and values assessments, and are based on comprehensive wetland management plans, if available. For wetlands classified as Preserve or Manage 1 ([or comparable classification if BWSR's Minnesota Rapid Assessment Method \(MnRAM\) is not used](#)), member cities ~~shall implementare~~ [encouraged to develop](#) standards for bounce, inundation, and runout control that are similar to [BWSR guidanceMnRAM](#); member cities are encouraged to apply standards for other wetland classifications.

**Policy 67.** The BCWMC ~~adopts-recommends that cities use~~ the Minnesota Rapid Assessment Method (MnRAM) ([or similar](#)) ~~as the~~ wetland assessment method and ~~the~~ wetland management classification system. Member cities are encouraged to use ~~MnRAM-such a method~~ for all wetland assessment and classification, but are not required to perform reassessments ~~using the MnRAM~~ for wetlands already assessed.

**Policy 68.** Member cities shall maintain and enforce buffer requirements for projects containing more than one acre of new or redeveloped impervious area. Average minimum buffer widths are required according to the MnRAM classification (or similar classification system):

- An average of 75 feet and minimum of 50 feet from the edge of wetlands classified as Preserve ([or comparable classification if BWSR's MnRAM is not used](#))
- An average of 50 feet and minimum of 30 feet from the edge of wetlands classified as Manage 1 ([or comparable classification if BWSR's MnRAM is not used](#))
- An average of 25 feet and minimum of 15 feet from the edge of wetlands classified as Manage 2 or 3. ([or comparable classification if BWSR's MnRAM is not used](#))

Allowable land uses and vegetative criteria for buffers are specified in the BCWMC's Requirements for Development and Redevelopment (BCWMC, 2015, as amended). Member cities may allow exemptions for public recreational facilities parallel to the shoreline (e.g. trails) up to 20 feet in width, with that width being added to the required buffer width.

**Policy 72.** The BCWMC requires that member cities annually inspect wetlands classified as Preserve ([or comparable classification if MnRAM not used](#)) for terrestrial and emergent aquatic invasive vegetation, such as buckthorn and purple loosestrife, and attempt to control or treat invasive species, where feasible.