

Executive Summary

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Land and Water Acknowledgment
- 1.2. Role of Watershed Management Organizations *(list of statutory authorities)*
- 1.3. Location and Boundary
- 1.4. History and Governance Structure of the BCWMC *(provides high level overview of current governance structure)*
- 1.5. Past Accomplishments of the BCWMC *(also references past annual reports)*
- 1.6. Coordinating with Agencies and Partners *(describes BCWMC's role relative to state, regional, and local governments)*
- 1.7. BCWMC Plan Development, Vision, The Next 10 years *(outlines the plan development process and references the appendix describing the public input process)*

2. Summary of Land and Water Resources *(Summary of full section included as Appendix A)*

3. Watershed Issues and Goals

Describes the issue identification and prioritization process in the intro paragraph and references the “public input” issue Identification and Prioritization Process. Note that as part of this process the Commission identified priority resources (and reference appendix A – inventory)

3.1. Waterbody and Watershed Quality

- 3.1.1. Impaired Waters
- 3.1.2. Chloride Loading
- 3.1.3. Streambank and Gully Erosion
- 3.1.4. Lakeshore Erosion
- 3.1.5. Wetland Health and Restoration
- 3.1.6. Aquatic Invasive Species
- 3.1.7. Groundwater-surface Water Interactions
- 3.1.8. Degradation of Riparian Areas
- 3.1.9. Degradation of Upland Areas
- 3.1.10. Groundwater Quality

3.2. Flooding and Climate Resilience

- 3.2.1. Impact of Climate Change on Hydrology, Water Levels and Flood Risk
- 3.2.2. Bassett Creek Valley Flood Risk Reduction and Stormwater Management Opportunities
- 3.2.3. Groundwater Quantity

3.3. Education and Engagement

- 3.3.1. Public Awareness and Action
- 3.3.2. Engagement of Diverse Communities
- 3.3.3. Recreation Opportunities

3.4. Organizational Effectiveness

- 3.4.1. Organizational Capacity and Staffing
- 3.4.2. Funding Mechanisms
- 3.4.3. Progress Assessment
- 3.4.4. Projects and Program Implementation through a DEIA Lens
- 3.4.5. Public Ditch Management
- 3.4.6. Carbon Footprint of BCMWC Projects

4. Implementation

Introduction of the section will include narrative about how the BCWMC works within a complex framework of authorities, leverages partners, and that state agencies also have roles.

4.1. BCWMC Tools

Includes a matrix of issues (rows) versus applicable tools (columns), noting issue priority

4.1.1. Planning and Coordination

4.1.2. Monitoring and Modeling

4.1.3. Studies and Investigations

4.1.4. Project Reviews

4.1.5. Capital Improvements

4.1.6. FCP/Trunk System Management

4.1.7. AIS Management

4.1.8. Education and Engagement

4.1.9. Evaluation and Assessment

4.2. Implementation Schedule (10-year schedule as required per MN Rules 8410)

Non-CIP Implementation Schedule - table showing specific or general non-CIP activities with expected years, costs, funding sources; the table will look similar to budget; organized by tool to help cross reference to issues

CIP Implementation Schedule – table similar to above but limited to capital improvements

4.3. Funding describes the mechanisms of how BCWMC gets its money

4.4. Local Water Management and Member City Responsibilities – some of these are also listed in the narrative regarding tools (Section 4.1). Includes table of policies specific to member cities.

4.5. Plan Amendments – generally describes the process of amending this Plan

5. References

Appendices

- A. Land and Water Resource Inventory
- B. BCWMC Monitoring Plan
- C. BCWMC Education and Engagement Plan
- D. BWSR Level II Performance Review, BCWMC (June 17, 2021 report)
- E. 2025 Watershed Management Plan Gaps Analysis (May 26, 2023 memo)
- F. Summary of Public Engagement and Input
- G. Joint Powers Agreement
- H. Other Agency Responsibilities (This was included in main body of 2015 Plan; staff thinks it should be moved to an appendix)