



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

MEMO

To: BCWMC Commissioners
From: Administrator Jester on behalf of Technical Advisory Committee
Date: February 13, 2025

RE: TAC Recommendation on Use of Channel Maintenance Funds

Commission funds include the "Channel Maintenance Fund": a long-term fund to help finance minor stream maintenance, repair, stabilization, restoration, and/or portions of larger stream restoration projects (BCWMC fiscal policy 3.5). Each year, the operating budget includes \$25,000 to be added to the fund. Funds accumulate and are allocated by formula to member cities with part of the Trunk System. These cities can then utilize those funds with approval by the Commission. The TAC typically reviews requests from cities for use of the funds and makes a recommendation to the Commission. The most recent memo to cities with Channel Maintenance Fund balances can be found with the latest TAC meeting materials [here](#).

At their meeting on February 5th, the TAC reviewed a request from the City of Golden Valley for the use of Channel Maintenance Funds. Specifically, the city "requests the use of \$200,000 of its accumulated BCWMC channel maintenance funds for design and construction of the Bassett Creek Main Stem Restoration Project 2024CR-M. The Cooperative Agreement for the project, approved December 2024, outlines funding sources and includes \$200,000 in channel maintenance funds for this effort. Final design and community engagement are underway. Plans will be presented to the Commission for review and approval when ready."

The TAC recommends approval of the request from the City of Golden Valley. Staff agrees with the TAC recommendation. Further, staff believes the existing agreement with Golden Valley to construct the Bassett Creek Restoration Project sufficiently directs the use of the Channel Maintenance Funds such that a separate agreement is not needed.