



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Public Open House on Proposed Lagoon Dredging Project Bassett Creek in Theodore Wirth Regional Park Thursday, February 19th @ 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Trailhead, 1221 Theodore Wirth Pkwy, Minneapolis

Park users, neighborhood residents, and other members of the public are invited to learn about this proposed project and provide their input and insights.

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC), in cooperation with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and the Cities of Minneapolis and Golden Valley, is studying the feasibility of options to improve water quality and habitats in and along Ĥaĥá Wakpádaŋ / Bassett Creek as it flows through Theodore Wirth Regional Park. The creek flows through several “lagoons” that were created along the creek in the 1930’s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Since then, sediment has slowly accumulated in the lagoons, impacting aquatic habitats and reducing water quality downstream.

In 2023, the BCWMC partially dredged lagoons D, E, and F to a depth of 4 feet and removed islands that had formed over time. The project resulted in improved water quality downstream by reducing phosphorus pollution by about 390 pounds/year and removing contaminated sediment from the environment.



The current feasibility study will evaluate options for further improvement in the lagoons which may include:

- Dredging additional sediment from lagoons D, E, and F
- Dredging accumulated and contaminated sediment from lagoon G to recreate the original lagoon built in the 1930s
- Stabilizing the creek channel through lagoon G and restoring the adjacent wetlands that have formed over time
- Or a combination of the options above

If you have questions about the open house or cannot attend but wish to offer input, please contact the BCWMC Administrator, Laura Jester at laura.jester@keystonewaters.com.

Find more information about the previous project and the current proposed project at <http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects/all-projects/bassett-creek-main-stem-lagoon-dredging-project>