Memorandum

To: Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC)
From: Barr Engineering Co. (Barr) (Josh Phillips P.E., Gabby Campagnola, Jim Herbert P.E.)
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4E Bassett Creek 2026 Flood Control Project Inspection

Background

In accordance with the Operation and Maintenance Manual for the Bassett Creek Flood Control Project (FCP), an annual inspection is required to review the condition of the FCP features. The FCP was turned over to the local sponsor during 2002. Therefore, inspection of the FCP features was initialized during the fall of 2002, which was the first formal inspection by the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC). Except as noted, the annual inspections have been performed from 2002 to 2026. Inspections were not performed during 2003, 2011, and 2013 due to BCWMC budget considerations. Some of the municipalities have performed independent inspections of several of the FCP structures. The municipalities are responsible for routine maintenance and repair of the BCWMC FCP features located within their city. The municipalities are also responsible for submitting the completed FCP Maintenance Record from the previous year's inspection. It is important that the BCWMC receive these records, as the inspection and reporting are essential to ensure the BCWMC/municipalities maintain their eligibility to receive federal funds to repair or replace FCP features in the event of a catastrophe.

Pursuant to BCWMC policy, the municipalities may request reimbursement from the BCWMC for major maintenance and repairs that exceed $25,000. However, the municipalities must perform regular, routine maintenance and submit the required reporting before requesting and receiving BCWMC reimbursement. This will help prevent the situation wherein the BCWMC pays for maintenance work over $25,000 because the municipalities neglected routine maintenance for several years. The BCWMC expects the municipalities to inform the Commission in advance (e.g., two years) of their request for reimbursement. The BCWMC will consider adding maintenance and repair projects that are more than $100,000 to the BCWMC capital improvement program (CIP).

Table 1 provides examples of maintenance and repairs that are routine or major. In addition, the cities (or other road authority) where the FCP features are located are responsible for maintenance, repair, and replacement of road crossings and their corresponding conveyance structures, which were installed as part of the FCP.

The 2026 inspection comments and recommendations follow Table 1.

Table 1 Routine vs. Major Maintenance and Repair Items

Item #	Routine vs. Major Maintenance and Repairs— as Recommended by the TAC[1] and approved by the BCWMC[2]
Routine	
1	Vegetation: removal of trees, removal of brush, chemical treatment of stumps, control of noxious weeds, establish vegetation on bare areas
2	Removal of debris: woody debris, riprap, trash from channel, inlets, culverts
3	Repair erosion; channels, inlet and outlet structures, culvert ends
4	Repair/replace riprap: on inlet and outlet ends of culverts, channels, banks
6	Remove sediment from channels, structures, culverts, etc.
10	Repair/maintain guard rails, handrails, and fencing: remove rust, prime and paint, repair damaged rails and posts, replace rusted-out sections, repair cables, replace posts, repair chain link fence
12	Repair concrete pipe: repair joints, tie-bolts, spalling, connection to culverts, breakage
13	Repair/replace catch basins, manholes, casting assemblies, grates
14	Repair/maintain debris barrier: removal of debris, repair cables, replace poles
15	Repair/maintain tunnel inlet trash rack: repair/replace trash rack rods (loose or broken, vandalized, bent)
16	Street repairs: pavement, curb and gutter, cracks, depressions, settlement
Major	
5	Repair/replace gabion baskets
7	Remove sediment/dredge ponds, basins, etc.
17	Tunnel repairs: concrete and other repairs to the new Bassett Creek tunnel
Could be major depending on extent	
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7	Remove sediment/dredge ponds, basins, etc.
17	Tunnel repairs: concrete and other repairs to the new Bassett Creek tunnel

[1] Based on needed repairs identified during 2016 RCP inspection.
[2] Per BCWMC actions at their May 19, 2016 and July 21, 2016 meetings.

Plymouth Features

Inspection Date: October 21, 2026

Inspection Personnel: Gabby Campagnola (Barr) and Josh Phillips (Barr)

1. Plymouth Creek Fish Barrier (Constructed 1987)

a. The structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. The water level was at 0.26 at the staff gauge, and the water was 0.03 feet over the weir at the time of the inspection.

c. Sediment has accumulated in the pool upstream of the structure and formed a delta, which was overgrown with vegetation. The deposited sediment was generally creating a meander in the creek toward the east (left) bank. Deposited sediment in the upstream pool has been noted since 2005.

d. The railings at the upstream end of the structure, on the east (left) and west (right) sides, have rusted off below the weir level. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2015.

e. The abutment walls have expansion joints in the middle, just upstream of the weir. The west (right) expansion joint gap was first measured in 2002 at 7/8 inches for comparison with future inspections. The west (right) expansion joint gap has been consistently measured at 7/8 inches.

f. The top downstream edge of the concrete pile cap forming the weir has deteriorated along its entire length. Deterioration includes loss of cement paste and fines resulting in exposed aggregate. The weir appears to be functioning properly and controlling water to the design elevation.

g. Three cracks were observed on the downstream west (right) wing wall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2004.

h. Seven diagonal cracks were observed on the downstream east (left) wing wall. Three of the cracks are more prominently defined, closed cracks. Observation of the three prominent cracks is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002. The other four cracks are generally closed hairline cracks and less noticeable.

i. Small trees and shrubs were observed growing on the embankment and downstream channel banks, including some near the wing walls and railings. City cleared majority of vegetation, but substantial regrowth is occurring.

j. Creek flows appear to be eroding and undercutting the end of the concrete spillway by a few inches.

k. City of Plymouth has a water quality monitoring box at this location.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove accumulated sediment at structure and from the upstream pool. (Note: In 2010, the City of Plymouth submitted an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for a channel improvements project. The MPCA informed the City of Plymouth that the Clean Water Act expressly prohibits the use of creeks, streams, lakes, and wetlands from being used as a pollution treatment system except in extreme situations, therefore dredging of the sediment upstream of the fish barrier, in order to continue to utilize the area upstream of the fish barrier as a sedimentation pond, was prohibited by the MPCA and not permitted. It is recommended that the City of Plymouth coordinate with the MPCA to revisit this issue or discuss viable alternatives to remove the sediment since the project intent was not as a sediment basin but as a fish barrier.)

- Annually remove trees and vegetation on embankment and channel banks. Chemically treat stumps with Garlon 3A herbicide (or other specialty herbicide for use in wetland sites and waterways) to prevent regrowth.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor concrete cracks and the width of the expansion joints.

- Monitor undercutting at the end of the concrete spillway.

2. Medicine Lake Outlet Structure (Constructed 1996)

a. The channel between Medicine Lake and the outlet structure was clear of debris; however, there was algae in the channel.

b. The water level was below the weir at the time of the inspection and the staff gauge was measured at 887.9 feet. The channel downstream of the bridge was generally dry with no flowing water.

c. The outlet structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

d. Although not part of the flood control project, the storm sewer outfall for local drainage from South Shore Drive in the west (right) bank was partially full of sediment.

e. Woody vegetation was observed at each end of the dam where it ties into the banks.

f. In late May 2019, City of Plymouth staff observed water flowing over the east side, but not the west side, of the Medicine Lake Outlet Structure. The city performed a baseline survey of the dam in the summer of 2019 and found that the east side of the dam was 0.15 feet lower than the west side. Future surveys can be performed to compare against the baseline.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove woody vegetation on each end of the dam where it ties into the banks.

- Although not part of the flood control project, the city may want to consider jetting out the sediment that has accumulated in the storm sewer that provides local drainage from South Shore Drive.

Golden Valley Features

Inspection Date: October 21, 2026

Inspection Personnel: Gabby Campagnola (Barr), Josh Phillips (Barr), and Rikita Patel (Golden Valley)

1. Wisconsin Avenue Control Structure & 6 ft. x 8 ft. Box Culvert (Constructed 1987)

a. The water level was below the lowest staff gauge reading upstream and downstream of the box.

b. The flood gate was partially closed, approximately 8 inches above the water level, at the time of the inspection and appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

c. Deposited sediment was observed in the bottom of the box culvert, ranging from 2-6 inches deep. The deposited sediment is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2006.

d. Several gabion baskets located both upstream and downstream of the box culvert show signs of deterioration or damage, resulting in the displacement of riprap from the baskets at various points. Although the gabion baskets are no longer functioning as installed, no significant erosion was observed. There is evidence of some minor erosion near the staff gauge and left bank upstream of large culvert.

e. Cracks were observed along the crown of the box culvert.

f. Upstream of the gate, the left bank has begun to scour, and deposition is occurring on the right bank.

g. Scour of the creek bed was observed downstream of box culvert. The scour appeared to start at the end of the box culvert and continued for roughly 40 feet.

h. The railings at the upstream and downstream ends of the box culvert were in satisfactory condition.

i. There is a hairline longitudinal crack at the center of tunnel at 12:00 o’clock position.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Annually clear woody brush directly around the upstream and downstream sides of the box culvert.
- Test/exercise gate to confirm the gate functions.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor deposited sediment in the box culvert.
- Monitor upstream and downstream banks for erosion.

2. Golden Valley Country Club – 4 ft. x 6 ft. Box Culvert, Overflow Weir, and Downstream Channel (Constructed 1994)

a. The channel and riprap armoring from Pennsylvania Avenue to the box culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. The box culvert, joints, and railings appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

c. The mastic was observed protruding from two joints in the box culvert.

d. The overflow weir (earth berm) appeared to be in satisfactory condition and has been maintained by the Golden Valley Country Club staff as manicured fairway turf.

e. Some sediment deposition was observed on both inside banks of the bends upstream of the box culvert. This is consistent with previous inspections but was more visible this year due to lower water levels.

f. Some sediment deposition in various areas of the creek was observed. This was more visible due to low water levels.

g. A tree is growing into the downstream side of the box culvert. The tree is growing through the last joint on the top right of the culvert.

h. Approximately 30 feet downstream of Pennsylvania Avenue, a large chunk of concrete was observed in the channel near the right bank. At approximately the same creek cross section, a fence extends from the left bank slope partially into the creek.

i. A felled tree was observed in the channel approximately 30 feet downstream of Pennsylvania Avenue, partially obstructing the creek channel.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove tree that is growing into the box culvert.
- Remove tree that is partially obstructing the creek channel near Pennsylvania Avenue.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor sediment deposition on banks upstream of the box culvert.

3. Westbrook Road Crossing – 24’-0” span x 9’-10” ft. rise BEBO Arch (Constructed 1993)

a. The concrete Bebo arch (Type A25/90) appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. The water level at the staff gauge was measured at 853.60 feet.

c. Creek bottom is primarily 2-3 inches of river rock through the BEBO arch.

d. A scour hole was observed by the inlet pipe.

e. Longitudinal hairline cracks were observed on the top of sections of the Bebo arch, extending across the entire section (pre-cast section) width. The cracks are approximately 2 feet off-center of the structure. These cracks are consistent with previous inspections and have been noted since 2002.

f. Spalled concrete was observed at multiple locations upstream and downstream of the arch culvert at the top of the wing walls and head wall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2007.

g. The railings appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

h. Riprap armoring was in good condition upstream and downstream of the BEBO arch.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor cracks in the BEBO arch.
- Monitor joint gap at pressure points.
- Monitor spalled concrete at wing walls, head walls, and catch basin.

4. Regent Avenue Crossing – 30’-0” span x 13’-8” ft. rise BEBO Arch (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The concrete Bebo arch appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. The water level was below the bottom of the staff gauge and not measured.

c. The concrete is cracking and spalling at the top of the upstream north (left) wing wall.

d. Spalled concrete was observed at the middle joint of the upstream north (left) wing wall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.

e. A crack was observed at the upstream north (left) wing wall. The crack was near the top of the wing wall and travels at a 45-degree angle down to the headwall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.

f. A crack was observed at the downstream south (right) wing wall. The crack was near the top of the wing wall and travels at a 45-degree angle down to the headwall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.

g. Flows appeared to have scoured the north (left) side of the creek bottom and deposited sediment on the south (right) side of the creek bottom.

h. The creek bed within the BEBO arch is extremely soft and consists of mucky material.

i. The railings appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor spalled concrete at the upstream north (left) wing wall.

- Monitor cracks at the upstream north (left) wing wall, upstream south (right) wing wall, and downstream south (right) wing wall.

- Monitor creek bottom for scour and deposition.

Additional Comments:

- The BCWMC's Main Stem Restoration Project from Reagent Avenue to Golden Valley Road (2024 CR-M) was under construction.

5. Noble Avenue Crossing – 30'-0" span x 13'-8" ft. rise BEBO Arch (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The concrete Bebo arch appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. Longitudinal hairline cracks were observed throughout the length of the top of the BEBO arch, extending across the entire (pre-cast) section width. The cracks were either in the center of the structure or approximately 2 feet off-center of the structure. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.

c. Spalled concrete and exposed plastic joint material were observed approximately 2 feet either side of center throughout the length of the top of the BEBO arch. The cement paste covering the plastic joint material has separated and exposed the plastic. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.

d. Fractured and spalled concrete was observed at the downstream north (left) wing wall. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.

e. Multiple cracks and spalling were observed at the top of downstream north (left) wing wall. The cracking is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2007.

f. The downstream south (right) wing wall was slightly leaning toward creek. Inspection staff have monitored the offset between the upper portion of the wing wall and the lower portion of the wing wall, which is leaning toward the creek, since 2002 to document movement. Inspection measurements are listed in Table 2.

g. Flows appeared to be scouring the north (left) side of the creek bottom.

h. The paint on the railings is peeling.

i. The creek bottom varies from 2-3 inch river rock on the downstream end to gravelly sand on the upstream end. The BEBO arch can be best accessed for inspection on the north (right) side from the downstream end.

j. Approximately 8 cracks were observed at a 45 degree angle on the downstream south (right) wing wall.

Table 2 Inspection Measurements for Noble Avenue Downstream South Wing Wall

Year*	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Offset	5/8”	N/A	5/8”	11/16”	1”	1”	1”	1-1/8”	1-1/8”	N/A
Year*	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Offset	1-1/8”	N/A	1-1/8”	1-1/8”	1-1/8”	1-1/8”	1-1/8”	1-3/16”	1-3/16”	1-1/2”
Year*	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026					
Offset	1-5/16”	1-3/8”	1-1/2”	1-1/2”	1-1/2”					

* FCP inspection was not performed in 2003, 2011, or 2013 due to budget considerations.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Continue to monitor and record downstream south (right) wing wall movement.
- Monitor cracks and spalled concrete in the BEBO arch and wing walls.
- Monitor bank erosion at downstream wing walls and upstream of installed riprap at upstream south (right) wing wall.
- Monitor creek bottom for scour and deposition.

Additional Comments:

- The BCWMC’s Main Stem Restoration Project from Reagent Avenue to Golden Valley Road (2024 CR-M) was under construction.

Golden Valley / Minneapolis Feature (Minneapolis Responsibility)

Inspection Date: October 21, 2026

Inspection Personnel: Gabby Campagnola (Barr) and Josh Phillips (Barr)

1. Highway 55 Control Structure (Constructed 1987)

a. The concrete control structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition. The double box culvert was not inspected.

b. A hairline crack was observed in the east (left) wall of the inlet structure, although it appears that the crack may have been previously sealed with caulk. The crack is positioned in the middle of the wall extending full height. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2002.

c. Erosion was observed around the east (left) side of the structure, likely from road runoff. The eroded area is now a 2-4 foot wide and 1-2 foot deep gully.

d. In 2021, 2022, 2024, and 2025, a piece of rebar and relatively small mass of concrete were observed extending into the lower west (right) side of the opening of the low flow weir. A steel

threaded rod extended approximately 2 inches from the south face of concrete on the east (left) side of low flow weir. These items were not observed in 2026 due high water levels.

e. The left (east) side of the chain link fence around the control structure was not fully reattached at the downstream left corner.

f. A tree approximately 15 inches in diameter is lodged in the low-flow weir, along with several smaller logs approximately 4 to 6 inches in diameter, resulting in a partial blockage of flow.

Additional Comments:

- It's our understanding MnDOT is considering replacing this culvert crossing in 2028.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove the tree and logs that are lodged in the low flow weir.
- Armor the eroding areas adjacent to the structure with rock or riprap, or stabilize with reinforced vegetation, to limit additional erosion. Additionally, divert road runoff away from the structure, as feasible.
- Sawcut and remove rebar and concrete chunk on east (left) side of low flow weir.
- Sawcut steel rod to be flush to concrete along south face of concrete on the east (left) side of the low flow weir.
- Repair chain link fence.
- Routinely clear vegetation within 5 feet of the structure.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor hairline crack in the control structure.

Crystal Features

Inspection Date: October 21, 2026

Inspection Personnel: Gabby Campagnola (Barr) and Josh Phillips (Barr)

1. Markwood Open Channel (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. Except as noted, the channel appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. Vegetation growth was observed along the side slopes of the channel. Some areas appeared to have been cleared since the previous year's inspection.

c. Erosion was observed along the toe of the north (left) and south (right) banks. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2006.

d. The retaining wall along the channel at 7010 36th Avenue, which was observed during the previous inspection to be failing and falling into the channel, has been repaired and appears stable.

e. Other downstream retaining walls and fences along the channel were leaning toward the channel, with some exhibiting notable displacement or deterioration. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2009.

f. A section of lattice fence at 6918 36th Avenue is falling into the creek.

g. The City of Crystal's corrugated metal pipe (CMP) storm sewer between 6833 and 6825 Markwood Drive had significant corrosion and erosion at the outlet. In 2026, the pipe was lined and riprap was installed to repair the pipe and stabilize the outlet.

h. Debris (cinder blocks, asphalt, etc.) was observed in the creek and is somewhat functioning as armoring.

i. Bank erosion was observed along the right bank downstream of the gabion section.

j. Recent vegetation clearing was observed along the gabion baskets; however, clearing was limited to areas above the baskets, with vegetation remaining within and growing through the baskets. Herbicide should be applied to control regrowth to minimize damage to the gabion baskets.

k. There is an extension ladder and accumulated debris in the invert of the Louisiana Avenue culvert (upstream of Markwood Channel).

Recommended Maintenance:

- While not part of the flood control project, remove the extension ladder from the Louisiana Avenue culvert.
- Clear woody vegetation every 1–2 years to maintain channel flow capacity, prevent damage to the gabion baskets, and maintain access. Treat cut stumps with Garlon 3A or another herbicide approved for use in wetlands and waterways to prevent regrowth.
- Repair or remove fence from creek at 6918 36th Avenue.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor remaining retaining walls and fences for potential failure and obstruction of flow through the channel.
- Monitor erosion along the toe of the channel banks.

2. 36th Avenue and Hampshire Avenue Crossing – Two 8 ft. x 6 ft. Box Culverts (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The concrete box culverts, joints and tie bars appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. Some riprap has deposited in the box culverts.

c. Sediment has deposited in the box culverts, mostly in the downstream half of the box culverts. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2016.

d. On both culverts, the fifth joint from the downstream end had a 2 ½ inch gap, which is a larger gap than the rest of the joints. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2010.

e. Various locations of spalled concrete and exposed reinforcing was observed through both culverts.

f. Infiltration was observed into the north (left) culvert in 2019 and 2020 at the storm pipe connection upstream of the first culvert bend. However, infiltration was not observed into the culvert at this location from 2021 to 2026, potentially due to lower water levels and drier conditions.

g. Approximately 6 inches of sediment was observed on the downstream side of both culverts.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove deposited riprap in the box culverts and replace upstream.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor sediment in the box culverts.
- Monitor the joint gaps in the box culverts.
- Monitor spalled concrete, and exposed reinforcing in the culverts.

3. Markwood Downstream Overflow (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. Since last inspection, railing bolts have been reinstalled and railing has been secured.

4. Markwood – 8 ft. x 4 ft. Box Culvert (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The box culvert was not entered due to low clearance and was visually inspected from the downstream end. The box culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. Approximately 2-4 inches of sediment was observed at the downstream side of the box culvert.

c. The upstream catch basins on the south side of 36th Avenue at Jersey Avenue appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

d. In 2025, approximately 3 of the catch basins on the north side of 36th Avenue at Jersey Avenue were settling. Since last inspection, catch basins have been repaired.

5. Georgia Avenue Crossing – Two 11.5 ft. x 7.3 ft. Arch Culverts (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The concrete arch culverts appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. Cracking and spalling were observed in the south (right) arch culvert at the second and fourth joints at approximately the five o'clock position.

c. Cracking was observed in multiple joints in the north (left) arch culvert at the five o'clock position and the seven o'clock position.

d. Minor erosion was observed between the concrete arch culverts at the upstream end extending to the first joint.

e. Approximately two inches of sediment has accumulated downstream of the arch culverts, especially near the north (right) culvert and right bank.

f. Sediment has accumulated on the right bank upstream of the arch culverts.

g. Both arch culverts appeared to begin to change slope around mid-channel.

h. Spalling is occurring at the 5:00 o'clock position in 5th to last joint in the north (right) culvert.

i. A 5-inch diameter tree is down at the downstream end of the north (right) arch culvert.

j. Joint filler material is detached at the second to last joint in the south (left) arch culvert.

k. Sticks and woody debris are accumulated at the upstream end of the arch culverts.

l. There is a partially disconnected step within the manhole riser in the north (left) arch culvert.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove downed trees downstream of the arch culvert.
- Remove debris at upstream end of the arch culverts.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor cracking and spalling in the south (right) arch culvert.
- Monitor minor erosion between the concrete arch culverts on the upstream end.

6. Edgewood Embankment & 6.1 ft. x 3.8 ft / 8.5 ft. x 5.2 ft. Arch Culvert (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The concrete arch culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. The embankment appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

c. No visible settlement or erosion was observed along the embankment.

d. Trees and shrubs are growing on the embankment.

e. Spalled concrete was observed at four joints in the arch culvert.

f. Spalled concrete was observed on the north (right) and south (left) side of the downstream flared end section of the arch culvert.

g. Moderate bank erosion is occurring on the left side of the upstream end of the arch culvert and further upstream on the right bank.

h. Sediment accumulation in the pool downstream of the arch culvert has formed a partially vegetated delta that directs creek flow toward the south (right) bank.

i. A downed 5-inch diameter tree was observed upstream of structure.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove trees, shrubs and woody vegetation growing on the embankment.
- Every 1-2 years, clear woody vegetation in the channel between the Edgewood Embankment and Douglas Drive crossing to maintain flow capacity and allow access through the open channel.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor spalled concrete at the fifth joint from the upstream end in the arch culvert.
- Monitor spalling on outlet structure.
- Monitor sediment accumulation in the pool downstream of the arch culvert.

7. Douglas Drive Crossing – 4 ft. x 12 ft. Box Culvert (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The concrete box culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. The grouted riprap installed on each side of the box culvert outlet has started to deteriorate, and a gap has opened between the grout and the wall of the box culvert. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2016.

c. Spalled concrete was observed at the downstream north (left) wing wall.

d. Sediment has deposited in the bottom of the box culvert, ranging from 0-8 inches deep.

e. On the downstream end of the box culvert, settling was observed in the sidewalk on each side of the culvert.

f. Spalled concrete was observed on the top of the box culvert on the downstream end.

g. There are two reinforced concrete storm pipes in Douglas Drive that connect on the left (north) side and right (south side) of the box culvert. The reinforced concrete storm pipe on the right (south) side of the box culvert appeared to be significantly cracked.

h. Although not part of the flood control project, the privately-owned CMP culvert downstream of the Douglas Drive crossing is in poor condition. Sagging of this culvert has been observed during inspections since 2009. The culvert is significantly bowing and settling has occurred on either side of the culvert, which is evident in the road pavement above the structure.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Consider adding a railing along the sidewalk at the upstream and downstream end of the box culvert.
- Consider repairing the reinforced concrete storm pipes in Douglas Drive that connect to the box culvert on the right (south) side.
- Although not part of the flood control project, it is recommended that the city coordinate with the property owner to repair or replace the culvert downstream of Douglas Drive.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor deposited sediment in the box culvert.
- Monitor grouted riprap at the downstream end of the box culvert.
- Monitor spalled concrete at the downstream north (left) wing wall.
- Monitor settling in the sidewalk at the downstream end of the box culvert.

8. 34th Avenue Crossing – 9.6 ft. x 6 ft. Arch Culvert (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The concrete arch culvert appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. Sediment has deposited in the bottom of the arch culvert, ranging from 1-6 inches deep. This is consistent with previous inspections and 0-12 inches of sediment has been noted in the culvert since 2002.

c. The tie bars directly upstream and downstream of the manhole connection to the arch culvert were rusty and flaking. This is consistent with previous inspections and has been noted since 2008. One of the tie bars is corroded to ¼ inch diameter.

d. A 6-inch-high riprap dam has formed or been established upstream of the culvert.

e. The lower tie bars at the first joint (from the upstream side) are deteriorating.

Maintenance:

- Consider replacing tie bars.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor accumulated sediment in the arch culvert.
- Monitor tie bars directly upstream and downstream of the manhole connection to the arch culvert.

9. Brunswick Avenue Crossing – Two 9.6 ft. x 6 ft. Arch Culverts (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. Trees are growing around the upstream and downstream ends of the structure.

b. A grade change occurs for both arch culverts at the 4th joint from the downstream side.

c. Grout and grout repair appeared to be failing at all joints in both arch culverts. Fractured pieces of concrete and grout were observed at multiple joints in both arch culverts.

d. Longitudinal and circumferential cracks were observed in both arch culverts.

e. Strained and detached tie bars were observed in the north (left) arch culvert. One joint with broken tie bars was previously re-grouted by the City of Crystal, but the joint reopened and a 1.5-inch-gap in the joint was observed during the 2008 inspection. A 3-inch gap in the joint has been noted since 2009.

f. At the 2nd and 5th joints from the downstream side of the north (left) arch culvert, broken tie bars on both sides of the arch culvert were observed.

g. There is a gap at the 2nd joint from downstream side of the north (left) arch culvert, the measurements are shown in Table 3

Table 3 Inspection Measurements for 2nd Joint from Downstream Side of the North Culvert

Year	12 o'clock Position	3 o'clock Position	6 o'clock Position	9 o'clock Position
2026	3/8"	2.5"	4.5"	2.25"

h. The gap at the 5th joint from downstream side of the north (left) arch culvert, the measurements are shown in Table 4

Table 4 Inspection Measurements for 5th Joint from Downstream Side of the North Culvert

Year	12 o'clock Position	3 o'clock Position	6 o'clock Position	9 o'clock Position
2026	3"	3.25"	4.5"	2.25"

i. Two holes were observed at the 2nd joint from the downstream side of the north (left) arch culvert. Water appeared to be seeping through 2nd downstream joint and coming out of the hole.

j. A broken tie bar was observed in the south (right) arch culvert on the right side of the 5th joint from the downstream end.

k. Spalled concrete and exposed reinforcing were observed from the furthest downstream joint to 4th joint from the downstream in the south (right) arch culvert.

l. A large circumferential crack was observed at the 5th joint from the downstream end of the south (right) arch culvert, crack was located from 10 to 12 o'clock.

m. Cracks and localized settling were observed in the road pavement above the structure.

n. Sediment has deposited in the channel between the Brunswick Avenue crossing and the 32nd Avenue crossing and created two deltas in the channel. The channel was armored with boulder riprap in 2014. The sediment delta has been observed since 2017.

o. Water was primarily flowing through the north (left) arch culvert.

p. A 30-inch diameter tree has fallen down across the creek, approximately 100 feet upstream of the arch culverts.

q. In the right arch culvert, water was seeping under the third pipe segment (i.e., down through the third joint, then up through the second joint).

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove trees growing around the upstream and downstream ends of the structure.
- Remove the fallen 30-inch tree, approximately 100 feet upstream of the arch culverts.
- Perform the following repairs:
    - Repair detached tie bars.
    - Repair fractured concrete and grout at joints in the arch culverts.
    - Repair and seal the hole in the arch culvert.
    - Repair areas of spalled concrete and exposed reinforcement.
    - Seal the holes at the 2nd joint from the downstream side of the north (left) arch culvert.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor minor cracks in the arch culverts and road.
- Monitor joint separation in north (left) side arch culvert.
- Monitor deposited sediment and vegetation in the channel between the Brunswick Avenue crossing and the 32nd Avenue crossing.

10. 32nd Avenue Crossing – Two 7.3 ft. x 4.5 ft. Arch Culverts (Constructed 1981-1984)

a. The concrete arch culverts appeared to be in satisfactory condition. The arch culverts were only visually inspected from the outside at the upstream and downstream ends due to low clearance and high water levels. The southwest (right) arch culvert is at a slightly lower elevation at the upstream end.

b. Water was primarily flowing through the right arch culvert during the inspection. Both arch culverts had roughly two inches of water. Water was just above invert of the right arch culvert. The left arch culvert was primarily dry.

c. Water was observed seeping into the north (left) arch culvert through the bottom of the first joint at the upstream end of the arch culvert. Water appeared to be seeping below the arch culvert through the second joint and back into the arch culvert through the third joint. These observations indicate that the joints are not well sealed and there is potential for loss of fines (piping) below the arch culvert.

d. Concrete surface deterioration along the arch culvert invert was noted at the upstream side of the north (left) arch culvert and at the upstream joints.

e. There appeared to be approximately 0-4 inches of sediment in the right and left arch culvert.

f. Vegetation was growing over the arch culverts on the downstream side.

g. A grade change occurred at the 5th joint from the upstream inlet.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Seal the upstream joints along the invert of the north (left) arch culvert to minimize potential loss of material and settling.
- Remove trees growing over the arch culvert.

11. Bassett Creek Park Pond and Outlet – Two 3 ft. x 4.9 ft. Arch Culverts (Constructed 1995)

a. Sediment has deposited in the northwest corner of Bassett Creek Park Pond and formed multiple deltas, which are overgrown with trees and vegetation. This has been noted since 2006 and the sediment deposition appears to be increasing.

b. The outlet pipes appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

c. Water was 1-2 inches above the inverts of the outlet pipes. Water was flowing at the time of inspection.

Recommended Maintenance:

- None

Additional Comments:

- Dredging of Bassett Creek Park Pond and upstream channel improvements (BCP-2) is included in the BCWMC CIP Table 5-3. The BCWMC completed a feasibility study for the dredging of Bassett Creek Park Pond and Winnetka Pond in May 2017. The City of Crystal dredged Winnetka Pond East in 2019. The Bassett Creek Park Pond dredging is included as a future BCWMC CIP project, pending funding.

12. Detention Pond and Outlet Structure – 3 ft. Circular Outlet Pipe (Constructed 1995)

a. The outlet structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. The detention pond appeared to be in satisfactory condition, but a survey is needed to assess accumulated sediment.

Additional Comments:

- MnDOT submitted plans to dredge portions of the pond and install a sediment forebay that were reviewed under BCWMC 2024-19 and approved by the BCWMC January 23, 2025. The pond was dredged November/December 2025.

Crystal / Golden Valley Features (MNDOT Responsibility)

Inspection Date: October 21, 2026

Inspection Personnel: Gabby Campagnola (Barr) and Josh Phillips (Barr)

1. Highway 100 Double Box Culverts (Constructed 1930s, and 2001) and Inlet Structure (Constructed 1995)

a. The concrete inlet structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. During the inspection, there was 8 inches of water in the right box and the left box, after the upstream end.

c. Circumferential cracks and approximately 14 locations of spalled concrete, 13 of which had exposed reinforcement, were observed in the north (left) box culvert.

d. Two areas of spalled concrete on the right wall of the south (right) box culvert were observed.

e. Five longitudinal cracks, circumferential cracks, and areas of spalled concrete with exposed reinforcement were observed along the top of the south (right) box culvert. MnDOT performed repairs to the culverts in 2007, but cracks have been noted since 2008 and areas of concrete spalling have been noted since 2014.

f. Deposited sediment was observed in the north (left) box culvert, generally ranging from 6-36 inches deep. This is similar to previous inspections that noted 6-24 inches of deposited sediment has been observed in the north (left) box culvert since 2002.

g. Vegetation growth and 6-24 inches of sediment accumulation was observed at the flared end of the north (left box).

h. The outlet portion of the structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

Recommended Maintenance:

- None.

Recommended Monitoring:

- MnDOT should assess the defects and repair, as necessary.

Minneapolis Features

Inspection Date: October 21, 2026

Inspection Personnel: Gabby Campagnola (Barr) and Josh Phillips (Barr)

1. Open Channel (Constructed 1992)

a. The open channel, from Van White Memorial Boulevard to the inlet structure, appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. The banks were generally vegetated. Some areas had exposed soil and steep slopes but seemed stable and no obvious signs of bank erosion were noted.

c. Sediment has deposited and formed a delta on the south (right) side of the channel between the debris barrier and inlet structure, extending approximately 5-10% of the channel width. Vegetation was growing on the delta. This is consistent with previous years' observations.

d. Met Council monitoring box has been vandalized.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove accumulated sediment and debris on the south (right) side of the channel between the inlet structure and debris barrier.

Additional Comments:

- Barr will inform Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) regarding the vandalized WOMP station.

2. Debris Barrier (Constructed 1992)

a. The debris barrier piles appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. The steel cable was repaired by the City in 2023.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove accumulated debris following significant rainfall events.

3. Inlet Structure (Constructed 1992)

a. The concrete inlet structure appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

b. Vertical cracks were observed in the concrete on either side of the structure.

c. Cracks were observed near where the handrail posts are embedded.

d. The railings appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

e. Some of the vertical bars have been bent and projecting a slight bow but generally appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

f. The inlet structure was clear of leaves and debris.

g. Spalled concrete was observed behind the railings on the right side of the structure.

h. Downstream of trash gate there were multiple logs caught on center wall of double box culvert. There was 2-3 feet of leaf debris caught on trash gate during inspection.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove accumulated debris following significant rainfall events.

Recommended Monitoring:

- Monitor cracks in the concrete inlet structure.
- Monitor concrete spalling behind the railings.

4. Overflow Channel

a. Trees and other vegetation are present throughout the channel.

b. Minimal trash and debris throughout the channel, but no concern of blockages at this time.

c. Culvert and trash grate are in good condition.

Recommended Maintenance:

- Remove trees, trash, and debris from channel to prevent blockages during overflow.

5. Double Box Culvert (Constructed 1992)

a. The 11 ft. x 11 ft. double box culvert is on a 5-year inspection interval. An inspection of the double box culvert was performed in November 2024, and a summary report was prepared and provided to the BCWMC at its February 20, 2025 meeting.

Additional Comments:

- The Double Box Culvert Repair Project (FCP-1) Feasibility Report was completed June 2025 and presented at the BCWMC's May 15, 2025, and June 18, 2025 meeting.
- A public hearing was held and the project was officially ordered September 2025. Plans were finalized in summer/fall 2026. Construction is planned for winter 2026/2027.

6. 3rd Avenue Tunnel (Constructed 1990)

a. The most recent detailed inspection of the 3rd Avenue Tunnel was completed in October 2020. The inspection of the 3rd Avenue "deep" tunnel is on a 5-year interval, alternating between a detailed NAASCO inspection and a less comprehensive tunnel inspection, looking for significant changes without coding existing or new defects or preparing a detailed report. A summary report was prepared and provided to the BCWMC at its January 21, 2021 meeting.

b. The “less comprehensive” inspection was completed in September 2025 and a separate inspection memo dated December 11, 2025 provided to the BCWMC at its December 18, 2025 meeting.

7. 2nd Street Tunnel (Constructed 1979)

a. The most recent detailed inspection of the 2nd Street Tunnel was completed in October 2020. Inspection of the entire 2nd Street “deep” tunnel is on a 10-year inspection interval, with the next detailed NAASCO inspection scheduled for 2030. A summary report was prepared and provided to the BCWMC at its January 21, 2021 meeting.

b. Similar to the 3rd Avenue Tunnel, a “less comprehensive” inspection of the unsubmerged portions of the tunnel was completed in September 2025 and a separate inspection memo dated December 11, 2025 was provided to the BCWMC at its December 18, 2025 meeting.

Attachment

Photographs of Bassett Creek Flood Control Project Features

October 21, 2026

Plymouth Creek Fish Barrier (Plymouth)









Medicine Lake Outlet (Plymouth)









Wisconsin Avenue Control Structure (Golden Valley)









Golden Valley Country Club (Golden Valley)









Westbrook Road Crossing (Golden Valley)









Regent Avenue Crossing (Golden Valley)









Noble Avenue Crossing (Golden Valley)









Highway 55 Control Structure (Golden Valley)





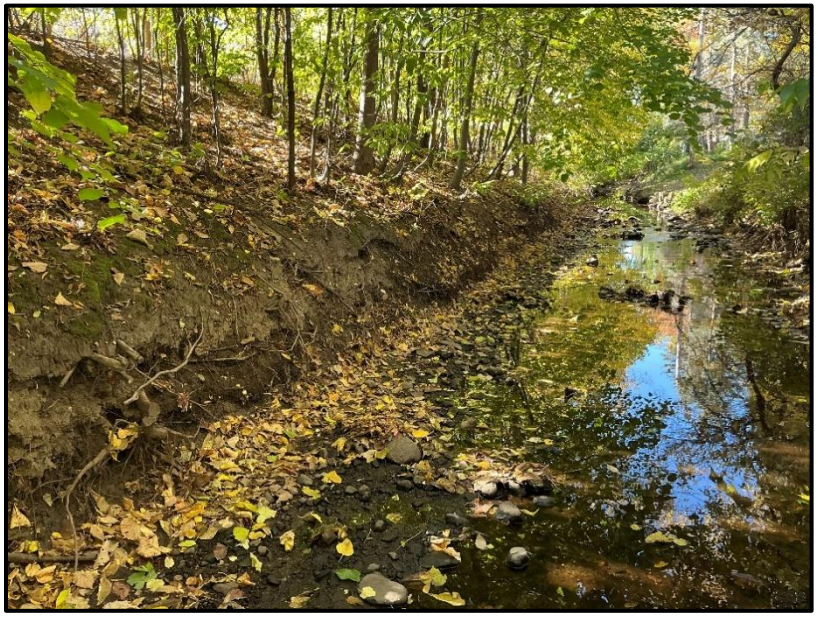




Markwood Open Channel (Crystal)









Markwood Open Channel (Crystal)









36th Avenue and Hampshire Avenue Crossing (Crystal)









Markwood Downstream Overflow (Crystal)





Markwood 8 feet x 4 feet Box Culvert (Crystal)





Georgia Avenue Crossing (Crystal)









Edgewood Embankment (Crystal)









Douglas Drive Crossing (Crystal)









34th Avenue Crossing (Crystal)









Brunswick Avenue Crossing (Crystal)









Brunswick Avenue Crossing (Crystal), continued









32nd Avenue Crossing (Crystal)









Bassett Creek Park Pond and Outlet (Crystal)





Detention Pond and Outlet Structure (Crystal)





Highway 100 Double Box Culverts (MnDOT Responsibility, Located in Crystal/Golden Valley)









Highway 100 Double Box Culverts, continued



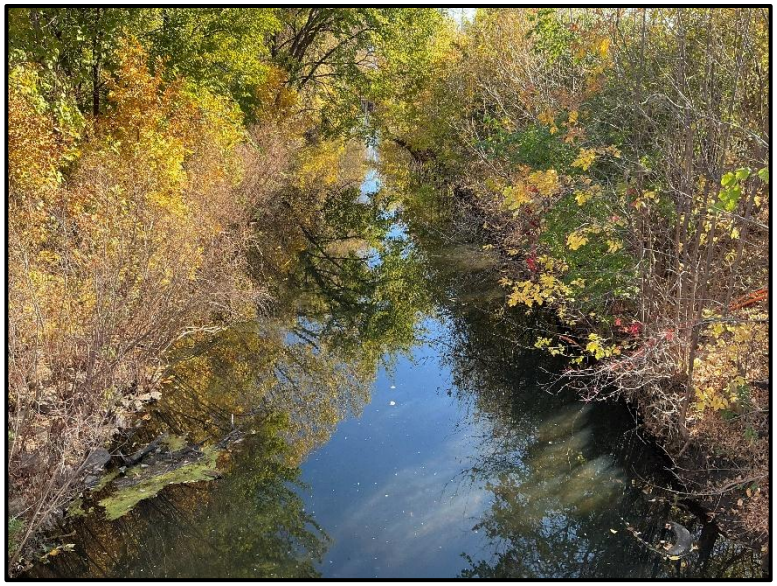






Open Channel (Minneapolis)





Debris Barrier (Minneapolis)





Inlet Structure (Minneapolis)









Overflow Channel (Minneapolis)



