

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

## Recommendation to approve the amendment to the Shingle Creek and West Mississippi Watershed Management Commissions' Watershed Management Plan

### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the county board of staff's review and recommendations to approve a proposed minor plan amendment to the Shingle Creek and West Mississippi Watershed Management Commissions' (commissions) Watershed Management Plan (Plan).

### Staff review and recommendations

Staff reviewed the commissions' proposed minor plan amendment and found it to be consistent with Minnesota Statutes 103B, the Surface Water Management section of the Hennepin County 2040 Comprehensive Plan, and the Hennepin County Natural Resources Strategic Plan.

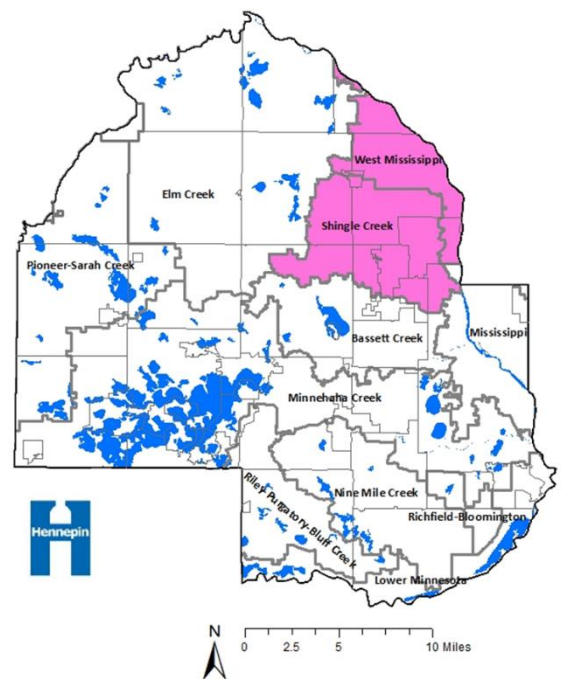
The commissions will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed minor plan amendment on July 14, 2022. Upon request, county staff will update the Hennepin County commissioners on input received at that public meeting.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed minor plan amendment to the Plan.

### Background

The Shingle Creek watershed is located in the east-central part of the county and includes portions of the cities of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, New Hope, Osseo, Plymouth, and Robbinsdale. The West Mississippi watershed includes portions of the cities of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Maple Grove, and Osseo (Figure 1). These two commissions have a joint Watershed Management Plan and joint meetings but maintain two separate boards and levy for and complete projects only within their respective watershed boundaries.

Figure 1. Shingle Creek and West Mississippi Watershed Locations



The commissions have proposed a minor plan amendment to revise the Plan's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This minor plan amendment seeks to certify funding to add new water quality and quantity projects to its CIP pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 130B.251 and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.231, subd. 7. the commission forwarded the proposed amendment to the county for review and action. Minnesota Statutes section 103B.251, subd. 9 specifies that watersheds may, with the approval of the county, impose an ad valorem levy for the purposes of creating a maintenance fund "to be used for normal and routine maintenance of a work of improvement instructed in whole or in part" as a capital improvement.

### **Add a project to the CIP**

1. The amendment revises the commissions' capital improvement plan to include a maintenance fund for activities that are ongoing remnants of past capital projects such as long-term efforts to manage carp or curly-leaf pondweed, maintenance of fish barriers, or the maintenance of projects installed as research projects. These maintenance activities will be limited to past watershed capital projects and activities that would not be covered by regular city maintenance obligations and agreements.

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