

Recommendation to approve the amendment to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission's 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 Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission's (commission) Watershed Management Plan (plan).

Staff review and recommendations

Staff reviewed the proposed minor plan amendment and found it to be consistent with the Surface Water Management section of the Hennepin County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update and the Hennepin County Natural Resources Strategic Plan.

The commission will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed minor plan amendment at its regular meeting on June 21, 2018.

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

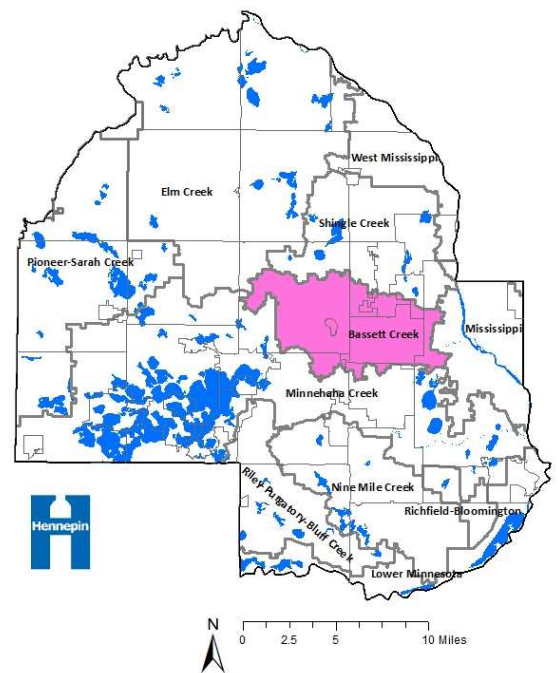
Background

The Bassett Creek Watershed is located in the east-central part of the county and includes all or part of the cities of Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park (Figure 1).

The commission has proposed a minor plan amendment to revise the plan's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 103B.231, subd. 7, the proposed amendment was forwarded to the county for review and action on water quality and quantity projects in the CIP where it may seek to certify funding to implement the water quality and quantity projects under Minnesota Statutes section 103B.251.

The amendment adds two projects to the CIP.

Figure 1. Bassett Creek Watershed Location



New projects

1. The Ponderosa Woods Stream Restoration Project (Plymouth) will reduce erosion, total suspended solids, and phosphorous loading to Medicine Lake. The estimated cost of the project is \$475,000. This will be paid in full by the commission, and it is planned for the 2024 levy.
2. The Bassett Creek Park Water Quality Improvement Project (Minneapolis) will include construction of water quality treatment facilities benefitting the main stem of Bassett Creek and will be completed in cooperation with a park renovation project by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. The estimated cost of the project is \$500,000. This will be paid in full by the commission, and it is planned for the 2024 levy.

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