



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

**Date:** August 19, 2014

**To:** Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Amendment to Joint and Cooperative Agreement for Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize proper City officials to execute the Amendment to Joint and Cooperative Agreement for the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

**Previous Directives:**

July 16, 1993: Approval of Joint and Cooperative Agreement for Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

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**Approved by:**

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Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Lois Eberhart, Water Resources Administrator, Surface Water & Sewers

**Reviews:** NA

**Financial Impact:** No financial impact. Action is within the Business Plan.

**Community Impact**

Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected

**Background/Supporting Information**

The Commission began as the Bassett Creek Flood Control Commission in 1968. In 1993 the existing Joint Powers Agreement was adopted by the member cities, to meet the mandates of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.201 through 103B.251 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 841 relating to Metropolitan Area Local Water Management. The member cities are Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, and St. Louis Park, Minnesota. The organization's purpose is to assist the nine member communities to preserve and use natural water storage and retention systems to:

1. Protect, preserve, and use natural surface and groundwater storage and retention systems;
2. Minimize public capital expenditures needed to correct flooding and water quality problems;

3. Identify and plan for means to effectively protect and improve surface water and groundwater quality;
4. Establish more uniform local policies and official controls for surface water and groundwater quality;
5. Prevent erosion of soil into surface water systems;
6. Promote groundwater recharge;
7. Protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and water recreational facilities;
8. Secure other benefits associated with the proper management of surface waters;
9. Promote and encourage cooperation among member cities in coordinating local surface water and groundwater plans and to be aware of their neighbor's problems and to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare; and
10. Continue the work of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission [previously the Bassett Creek Flood Control Commission] and to carry out the plans, policies and programs developed by said Commission from 1968 to 1993.

The Agreement currently expires on January 1, 2015. An Amendment will extend the term of the Agreement until January 1, 2025.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the proper City officials to execute the Amendment to the Joint and Cooperative Agreement for the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission.

cc: Corey Conover, Assistant City Attorney