



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

**Date:** July 14, 2015

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

**Subject:** **Public Hearing for Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report**

**Recommendation:**

- A. Receive public comments and direct Public Works to respond to public input regarding the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) *Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and NPDES MS4 Phase I Permit Annual Report for 2014 Activities*. This is pursuant to Part V Section C.1.f) of the January 21, 2011 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit # MNO061018 issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to the City and the MPRB as co-permittees; and
- B. Adopt the *Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and NPDES MS4 Phase I Permit Annual Report for 2014 Activities* by formal resolution.

**Previous Directives:**

June 9, 2015 – T&PW Committee set the date for the Public Hearing, as required by the NPDES MS4 Permit, as July 14, 2015

September 23, 2011 – Authorized submittal of the Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

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

**Financial Impact**

Action is within the approved budget.

**Community Impact**

Neighborhood Notification: A notice was sent to all neighborhood organizations and other interested parties (see Attachment) to inform them about accessing the Stormwater

Management Program, and advising them of the opportunity to provide comments at the public hearing or in writing.

City Goals:

- Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected
- A City that works: City government runs well and connects to the community it serves

## **Background/Supporting Information**

### **History**

The Minneapolis stormwater management program endeavors to protect people, property and the environment, to meet or surpass regulatory requirements, to maintain and enhance infrastructure, to provide cost-effective services, to educate and engage the public and stakeholders, and to enhance livability and safety. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program was created in 1990 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Clean Water Act. Under this program, specific permits are issued in an effort to regulate municipal, industrial and construction activities. Minneapolis maintains two distinct NPDES permits: one is the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Permit that regulates combined storm and wastewater discharges from the sanitary sewer system, and on which the City and the Metropolitan Council are co-permittees. The second is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit that regulates stormwater runoff discharges from the storm drain system, and on which the City and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) are co-permittees.

As a municipality with a population greater than 100,000, Minneapolis is permitted under Federal requirements as a Phase 1 MS4 community. The primary goal of the MS4 permit is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of waters of the state through management and treatment of urban stormwater runoff. The first permit for Minneapolis, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Disposal System (SDS) Permit # MN0061018, was issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in December 2000. A modified Permit bearing the same Permit # was issued in January 2011. Under the January 2011 Permit, the City and the MPRB were required to prepare a new Stormwater Management Program (Program) for submittal to the MPCA in September 2011. With minor modifications in May 2013, the Program was approved by the MPCA in July 2013. An updated version was submitted to the MPCA in September 2014. The **Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program – September 2014 Update** can be found on the City's web site at the following link:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-142215.pdf>

## **Recommendations**

### **a) Annual Reporting and Public Comment**

**Receive public comments, and direct Public Works to respond to public comments.**

The Permit requires the City to prepare and submit an Annual Report addressing the previous year's Permit activities. The Permit also requires the City to hold an annual public meeting that provides an opportunity for the general public to provide comments regarding the Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program. The comments must be solicited and received prior to the Annual Report submittal to the MPCA.

Comments can also be submitted in writing. The cutoff date for written comments by the general public regarding the Stormwater Management Program is Noon on Friday July 17, 2015. The [Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program](#) can be found at the link shown above.

An email was sent on June 15, 2015 to the parties listed on Attachment 1, with a notice that comments can be made in person at this public hearing, or in writing as follows:

By mail: City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works  
Surface Water & Sewers Division c/o Lois Eberhart  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMENTS  
Room 300 City of Lakes Building  
309 2nd Avenue S  
Minneapolis MN 55401-2268  
By fax: 612-673-2048  
By email: [lois.eberhart@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:lois.eberhart@minneapolismn.gov)

(Due to mail delivery times, EMAIL or FAX are PREFERRED METHODS for submitting written comments.)

A summary of the public's input, and the City's response to those comments, will be included in the final Annual Report as required.

**b) Adoption**

**Adopt the *Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and NPDES MS4 Phase I Permit Annual Report for 2014 Activities* by formal resolution.** The City Council's formal resolution of adoption must also be submitted to the MPCA along with the final Annual Report.

Attachment 1: List of Recipients of Annual Report for Review and Comment

cc: Debra Pilger, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board  
Corey Conover, Office of the City Attorney

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Shingle Creek Watershed Mgmt. Commission.	<a href="mailto:judie@jass.biz">judie@jass.biz</a>	Judie Anderson

**Attachment: List of Recipients for Review and Comment**