



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: May 15, 2007

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Adoption of the Annual NPDES Report on 2007 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program & 2006 Activities**

Recommendation:

Adopt the Annual NPDES Report on 2007 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program & 2006 Activities, by formal resolution, as the City's Stormwater Management Plan

Previous Directives:

- April 17, 2007 – Public Hearing to receive public comments and to direct staff to respond to public input regarding the City's Annual NPDES Report

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Presenter: Lois Eberhart, Water Resources Administrator (Interim)

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Policy review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- X No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ___ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ___ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- X Business Plan: X Action is within the plan. ___ Action requires a change to plan.
- ___ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ___ Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: A notice was sent to all neighborhood organizations to inform them about accessing the Draft Annual Report, and advising them of the opportunity to provide comments at the public hearing or in writing.

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME - the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained; CONNECTED COMMUNITIES - Great Spaces & Places, Thriving Neighborhoods. Minneapolis' neighborhoods will have unique identities and character. ENRICHED ENVIRONMENT - Greenspace, Sustainability. Plentiful green spaces, public gathering areas; lakes, rivers and the soil and air will be clean.

Comprehensive Plan: Consistent

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

History

The Minneapolis stormwater management program endeavors to improve the water quality of Minneapolis lakes, streams, wetlands, rivers, and other surface waters, with the ultimate goal of preservation and enhancement of our natural and historic environment, while concurrently fulfilling regulatory requirements. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a program created in 1990 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to protect water quality through the regulating of discharges of pollutants to lakes, streams, wetlands and other surface waters. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is the Minnesota authority that is responsible for administering this program. Under this program, specific permits are issued in an effort to regulate municipal and industrial activities. The City of Minneapolis maintains two distinct NPDES permits: The Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) permit which regulates combined storm and wastewater discharges from the sanitary sewer system, and the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit which regulates stormwater runoff discharges from the storm drain system.

Requirements for Annual Reporting, Public Comment, and Council Action

The MPCA issued an NPDES MS4 permit to the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) on December 1, 2000. This Permit requires the submittal of a Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report, due on June 1 of each year. This Report is a coordinated effort by various City departments and the MPRB. Information in the report covers the activities that will be implemented for the current and following year, and provides documentation and analysis of the activities conducted in the previous year.

The Permit also requires an opportunity for public input into the development of the priorities and programs necessary for compliance, and also requires the adoption of the Report through a formal Resolution.

The Report can be read or downloaded at the following website:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/stormwater/NPDESAnnualReportDocuments.asp>

A Public Hearing notice was sent to interested parties, environmental groups, related governmental entities, and all Minneapolis neighborhood groups. A Public Hearing notice was also posted in *Finance and Commerce*.

The public hearing was held on April 17, 2007. No testimony or questions were presented.

Written comments were accepted until Friday, April 27, 2007. Only one question was submitted, relating to localized flooding in the vicinity of 27th Av NE and California St NE.

A summary of the public's input and the City's response to the comments along with the formal Resolution are required to be included with the Annual Report submittal.

Cc: Mike Schmidt, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Rhonda Rae, P.E., Director, Public Works Engineering Services
Paul Ogren, P.E., Director, Public Works Field Services
Lori Olson, Regulatory Services Environmental Services
Corey Conover, City Attorney

T&PW - Your Committee, having under consideration the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Annual NPDES Report on 2007 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program & 2006 Activities, as set forth in Petn No. _____, and having held a public hearing thereon, now recommends passage of the accompanying resolution adopting the Annual NPDES Report on 2007 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program & 2006 Activities as the City's Stormwater Management Plan, pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 14, of the City of Minneapolis National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #MN0061018.

By Colvin Roy

Adopting the ANNUAL NPDES REPORT ON 2007 MINNEAPOLIS STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM & 2006 ACTIVITIES.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is committed to improving the water quality in the lakes, wetlands, and streams; and

Whereas, on December 1, 2000, the City of Minneapolis was issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit #MN0061018 (Permit); and

Whereas, as required under the Permit, a public hearing was held on April 17, 2007; and

Whereas, the Annual NPDES Report on 2007 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program & 2006 Activities will now be submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis City Council hereby adopts the Annual NPDES Report on 2007 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program & 2006 Activities as the City's Stormwater Management Plan.