



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

Date: May 2, 2006

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

Subject: **Adoption of the 2006 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report**

Recommendation:

- a) To adopt the 2006 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report, by formal resolution, as the City's Stormwater Management Plan.

Previous Directives:

- March 21st, 2006 - Set a Public Hearing date for April 18, 2006, to receive public comment regarding the 2006 Minneapolis NPDES Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report.
- April 18th, 2006 - To receive public comments and to direct staff to respond to public input regarding the City's 2006 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report.

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Approved by:

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Presenter: Joe Carlson, P.E., Professional Engineer

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: Not Applicable

City Goals: Preserve and enhance our environmental, economic and social realms to promote a sustainable Minneapolis. Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

History

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a program created in 1990 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to protect water quality by regulating the discharge of pollutants to lakes, streams, wetlands and other surface waters. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is the local authority responsible for administering this program in the state of Minnesota. Under this program, specific permits are issued to regulate different types of municipal and industrial activities. MPCA issued the first NPDES Municipal Storm Sewer System Permit (Permit) to the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) on December 1st, 2000.

Requirements for Annual Reporting, Public Comment, and Council Action

The Permit requires annual documentation in the form of a Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report (Annual Report) due by June 1 of each year. This Annual Report provides an overview of the stormwater management activities identified as Best Management Practices 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 adoption of the Annual Report as the City's Stormwater Management Plan by formal resolution. 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.

Public Comments and Response

A public hearing was conducted on April 18th at the T&PW meeting. A public hearing notice was sent out on March 23rd, 2006, to various environmental groups and government agencies. The City did not receive any oral comments, hardcopy written comments, or email comments.

Attachment 1 – Comments and response

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