



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

**Date:** May 4, 2004  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** 2004 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report.

### Recommendation:

Approved resolution to adopt the 2004 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report, pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 14 of the City of Minneapolis National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #MN0061018.

### Previous Directives:

April 6, 2004 - Set Public Hearing at the Transportation and Public Works committee meeting to receive comments on the Annual Report, as required by the City's NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit.

April 20, 2004 - Conducted Public Hearing at the Transportation and Public Works meeting.

**Prepared by:** Julia Liu, Engineer I, Engineering Services, 673-3973

**Approved by:**

---

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Pat Wrase, P.E., Engineer III

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- 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
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Background/Supporting Information Attached:**

## **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 1, 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 overviews 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 20<sup>th</sup> at the T&PW meeting. A public hearing notice was sent out on April 5, 2004 to various environmental groups and government agencies. Written comments from Minnehaha Creek Watershed District were received at the City Clerk's office during the public comment period for this year's Annual Report. Comments include recommendations for education, erosion control concerns, recognition of our improvements in chemical storage, and comments on some joint efforts. The comments and our responses have been added to the Annual Report as Amendments and are included as attachments to this letter.

Attachment 1 – MCWD Comments

Attachment 2 – Public Works Response

C: Pat Wrase, P.E., Engineering Services  
Mike Kennedy, P.E., Field Services  
Bill Anderson, Environmental Services  
Jane Onorati, Engineering Services  
Corey Conover, City Attorney  
Mike Schmidt, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board