



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

Date: April 6, 2004
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Set Public Hearing regarding the 2004 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report.**

Recommendation:

Set a Public Hearing date for April 20th, 2004 to receive public comment on the 2004 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report. This process is required by City of Minneapolis National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #MN0061018.

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Approved by:

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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:

History

In 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued regulations that required all stormwater runoff from municipalities with populations greater than 100,000 be permitted under the NPDES Program. This program is also called Phase 1 of the Federal stormwater requirements.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under a delegation agreement with the EPA, issued the first NPDES Stormwater Runoff Permit (Permit) to Minneapolis on December 1, 2000. The Permit requires the implementation of approved storm water management activities designed to mitigate the pollution effects of urbanization on storm water runoff.

As a point of clarification, the City has two NPDES Permits: Stormwater Runoff and Combined Sewer Overflows. The City is in the process of negotiating its NPDES Permit regarding Combined Sewer Overflows.

Requirements for Annual Reporting, Public Comment, and Council Action

Annual reporting requirements for this Permit are met by submitting a Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report (Report) by June 1 of each year. The Report presents 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 opportunities for public comment on each Report prior to submittal to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Public input will be received at the April 20, 2004 public hearing. We will respond to any comments and return on May 4, 2004 with a summary of the public input and a response to the comments. The comments and the City's response must be included as part of the City Council's adoption of the Report through a formal resolution.

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