



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

Date: March 21, 2006
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Set a Public Hearing for 2006 Minneapolis NPDES Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report**

Recommendation:

Set a Public Hearing date for April 18, 2006, to receive public comment regarding the 2006 Minneapolis NPDES Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report. This process is a requirement of the City of Minneapolis' National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #MN0061018.

Previous Directives: (none)

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Approved by:

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Presenter: Joseph Carlson, Professional Engineer

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Policy review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Not applicable X

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
- 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

In 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued regulations that required all stormwater runoff from municipalities (with populations greater than 100,000) to 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 stormwater management activities that are designed to mitigate the pollution effects of urbanization on stormwater runoff.

Throughout each year, the City develops and modifies its Stormwater Management Program with input from a variety of sources. Examples include technology and policy changes, regulatory requirements, collaboration with watershed management organizations, environmental groups and other water quality professionals, lessons learned from our projects, input from the Water Quality Monitoring Task Force (WQMTF), Environmental Coordinating Team (ECT), and Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC), concerns raised by residents and others, and responses to our website information. This past year, there was particular emphasis on coordinating with the watershed organizations and non-profit organizations to develop our outreach and education program.

As a point of clarification, the City has two NPDES Permits: Stormwater Runoff and Combined Sewer Overflows.

Requirements for Annual Reporting, Public Comment, and Council Action

This Permit requires that the City prepare and submit an Annual Report including Permit activities, for the previous year, as well as the Stormwater Management Program for current and future years. This Annual Report must be submitted by June 1st of each calendar year.

The Permit also requires that opportunities be made for the general public to provide comments regarding the report. The comments must be solicited and received prior to the report submittal to the MPCA. This year's draft report will be published on March 27th for public comments, and will be available for viewing at the following website:

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

The draft report in CD form will be mailed to the parties listed on the Attachment. A paper copy of the draft report will also be available for viewing prior to the Public Hearing date at the office of the City Clerk, Room 304 City Hall, 350 S. 5th Street, Minneapolis MN 55415, 8-4:30 M-F, or at Room 300 City of Lakes Building, 309 2nd Avenue S., Minneapolis MN 55401 by appointment (contact Joe Carlson at (612)0673-3129).

A summary of the public's input, and the City's response to those comments, are also required to be included in the final report. The City Council's formal resolution of adoption of the report will also need to be submitted to the MPCA along with the final report.

Att: Mailing List for draft report in CD form

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