



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

**Date:** November 23, 2004  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commissions – Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement**

### Recommendation:

1. Approve the amendment to Joint and Cooperative Agreement for the establishment of a Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission to plan, control and provide for the development of the Shingle Creek Watershed.

### Previous Directives:

- Joint Powers Agreement amendment May 2, 2003.
- Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission was formed in 1984 under a Joint Powers Agreement between nine cities having land within the Shingle Creek Watershed.

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**Approved by:**

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

**Presenters:** Tara Mugane, Professional Engineer, Public Works  
Craig Cooper, Minneapolis Commissioner for Shingle Creek Watershed

### 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:

The Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission was formed in 1984 under a Joint Powers Agreement between the nine cities having land within the Shingle Creek Watershed.

The nine cities include Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, New Hope, Osseo, Plymouth and Robbinsdale (see attachment 1).

The Commission has proposed a change to Article VIII, Subdivision 5 (see attachment 2). The proposed amendment caps the total amount that the Commission may levy against Member Cities for general fund purposes in any year without the consent of a majority of Member Cities.

Watershed Name	General Fund Assessment <i>Current Agreement</i>	General Fund Assessment <i>Proposed Change</i>
Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission	Not to exceed ½ of 1% of the net tax capacity of the lands within the watershed.	Not to exceed \$262,750* (with the exception of consumer price index adjustment) without the consent of a majority of Member Cities expressed by resolutions duly adopted by the city councils.

\*Based on historic general fund amounts.

For background information the table below describes how the 3 other watersheds within Minneapolis assess the cities for general fund purposes.

Watershed Name	General Fund Assessment
Mississippi Watershed Management Organization	94.3% of general fund budget. General fund budget not to exceed \$20,000.
Basset Creek Watershed Management Commission	Not to exceed ½ of 1% of the net tax capacity of the lands within the watershed.
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	No general fund assessment.

Attachment 1 – Shingle Creek Watershed Map

Attachment 2 – Amendment to Amended Joint and Cooperative Agreement Establishing the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission to Plan, Control and Provide for the Development of the Shingle Creek Watershed.

C: Council Member Barbara Johnson  
 Assistant Minneapolis City Attorney Kristi M. Lassegard  
 Shingle Creek Watershed Commissioner Craig Cooper