



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

Date: May 16, 2006
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Minneapolis Local Surface Water Management Plan**

Recommendation:

Direct staff to submit draft of Minneapolis Local Surface Water Management Plan to Metropolitan Council, Bassett Creek Water Management Commission, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Mississippi River Watershed Organization, and Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission for review.

Previous Directives: Receive and file, June 8, 2004

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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: Enriched Sustainable Environment

Comprehensive Plan: Protect and Sustain Water Resources

Zoning Code: Not applicable

Background/Supporting Information

Minneapolis is required to prepare a Local Surface Water Management Plan (LSWMP) in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103B and Minnesota Rules 8410. The LSWMP, as required by statute and rule, is intended to guide City efforts at conservation, protection, and management of its surface water resources in accordance with policies and programs established by the Metropolitan Council, Watershed Districts and Watershed Management Organizations who have jurisdiction within the corporate boundaries of the City. A draft Minneapolis LSWMP was completed in 2004 and submitted to the Metropolitan Council and to local watersheds for preliminary review (Bassett Creek Water Management Commission, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Mississippi River Watershed Organization, and Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission). Public Works is actively revising the draft LSWMP to realign the document according to current city goals and policies, including targets recommended in the City's sustainability plan. Public Works is also addressing all wet weather discharges to surface waters in the City in this revision of the LSWMP. Actions contained in the final LSWMP should initiate a strong surface water regulatory and management culture, support future hydrologic and hydraulic modeling of the surface and subsurface stormwater system in the City, identify surface water management projects and programs to address identified problems, and be consistent with other wet weather (stormwater management and sanitary collection system management) policies of the City.

The required completion date is based on the requirement from Minnesota Rule 8410.0160, which states that local government must adopt local water management plan within two years of the Board of Soil and Water Resource's (BWSR) approval of the last WMO or WD plan that affects the unit of government. The most recent plan that affects Minneapolis is the Bassett Creek Water Management Commission (BCWMC) Second Generation Plan, approved by BWSR on August 25, 2004 and adopted by the BCWMC in September, 2004. The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District adopted their plan in 1997, the Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization in 2000, and the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission in 2003.

A City Council Study Session is scheduled for June 23, 2006 for presentation of the LSWMP to Council Members. Minnesota Statute 103B.231 mandates a 45-day review by the Metropolitan Council and a concurrent 60-day review by each watershed management agency prior to final adoption by the City. After review by the watershed agencies and consideration of their comments, the City Council is required to adopt the LSWMP by August 25, 2006, to implement the policies and programs contained in the plan by December 23, 2006, and then to amend official controls by February 25, 2007.

At the same time that the plan is under review by the public agencies, the plan will be made available for public comment through public meetings and a web-based comment technique. Three public meetings are proposed to be held geographically (north, northeast/downtown, and south). Watershed representatives will be invited to attend and listen to the concerns and comments from Minneapolis citizens. Public comments will be reviewed for possible incorporation into the final document.

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