



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wirth Lake Room, Brookview

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. COMMUNICATIONS & UPDATES

3. BUSINESS

A. Appoint Representatives to WBIF Convene Meetings

The Bassett Creek Watershed Allocation Area has \$183,255 in 2026-2027 Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) through the State's Clean Water Fund that must be utilized by December 31, 2029 on projects that have water quality as a primary benefit. As in years' past, the BCWMC is willing to host and facilitate a "convene meeting" of all eligible grantees including the county, cities, and BCWMC. Cities should appoint up to two representatives to attend the convene meetings on behalf of all cities in the watershed to help review and decide on projects to receive the funds. Learn more about WBIF here: <https://bwsr.state.mn.us/watershed-based-implementation-funding-program>.

B. Determine Goals for Stream Surveys – see 9/2 TAC meeting notes with meeting materials

At the TAC meeting in April, the group discussed Activity MM-7 listed in Table 4-5 of the Watershed Management Plan: Streambank Monitoring - Biennially assess the condition of streambanks along BCWMC priority streams, evaluate downstream impacts, and prioritize areas for action.

At the TAC meeting in September (attended by only 3 cities and MPRB), there was further discussion and review of how two other watersheds regularly assess their streams. (See meeting notes and slides attached with meeting materials.) The following steps will be taken to finalize a stream survey program:

1. Determine goals of the stream survey program and how it aligns with Watershed Management Plan goals – **THIS MEETING**
2. Determine if a baseline survey by the Commission Engineer is warranted
3. Create program and timeline (number of stream segments per year, interval between surveys, identify entities performing initial and subsequent surveys)
4. If needed, get scope and budget for baseline survey and subsequent surveys from Commission Engineer

In setting program goals, it's helpful to reference Watershed Plan goals:

WQ5: Maintain or improve water quality in priority streams to achieve State eutrophication standards.

WQ7: Maintain or improve macroinvertebrate indices of biological integrity (MIBI) in priority Streams.

STRM1: Achieve stable streambanks along all priority streams such that streambanks are not contributing to pollution downstream nor threatening infrastructure or public health.

RIP1: Establish and maintain native vegetated stream buffers through project review and implementation, as required.

RIP2: Restore degraded riparian areas adjacent to BCWMC CIP projects as opportunities arise.

At this meeting, the TAC should review potential goals for a stream survey program, thinking about how the data will ultimately be used and whether a proactive or reactive approach is desired.

Draft Stream Survey Goals/Purpose:

- Identify areas of erosion – set baseline and track changes
- Identify flow blockages
- Note urgent infrastructure and/or flooding risks
- Assess condition of riparian buffer – set baseline and track changes (invasives, natives, hazard trees, structures)
- Assess in-stream habitat conditions (high level) – set baseline and track changes
- Assess condition of prior BCWMC streambank restoration projects (maintenance required?)
- Identify and prioritize areas for potential future CIP restoration projects
- Inspect MS4 outfalls on behalf of cities (if Commission is completing survey)?

C. Discuss Concept for Public–Private BMP Cost-Share Program – see SCWMC program flyer and guidelines with meeting materials

At their meeting in September, the Administrative Services Committee began discussing the potential for a BCWMC cost-share program. Development of this program is included as Activity PL-4 in Table 4-5 of the [Watershed Management Plan](#). Further, CIP #31 in the Plan includes “Private Developer Cost-share for Project Performance Beyond Minimum Standards (water quality and/or flood control)” with \$100,000 per year starting in 2027.

TAC Chair Scharenbroich suggests the TAC consider a program modeled after the Shingle Creek WMC’s existing partnership program. He notes their structure provides a useful starting point for considering how BCWMC might support stormwater BMPs implemented through public–private collaboration. See program flyer and guidelines attached with meeting materials.

BCWMC staff notes that MWMO also implements a capital projects cost share program which might offer additional ideas for program development. <https://www.mwmo.org/get-involved/capital-project-grants/>

Discussion at this meeting will focus on:

- What opportunities do you see for this type of funding source within your community?
- How does each city route development proposals internally? We need to identify the best timing and pathways for communicating a potential cost-share program ahead of development activities.
- What’s the viability of city planning departments getting engaged with such a program? Or, would it be most useful or streamlined if the TAC representative from each city served as the primary point of contact rather than planning/economic development staff being directly involved with BCWMC processes? (Scharenbroich notes that TAC members may be able to leverage their existing internal relationships to communicate and apply the program as appropriate.)
- Do any cities have existing policies related to public-private initiatives that we should understand?
- Are there concerns about BCWMC implementing this type of program?

- Are there any pieces of the Shingle Creek or MWMO programs that might work well or may be problematic for BCWMC?
- Are there other programs that you're aware of that we should also be reviewing?

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

Generally, first Wednesday 10:30 – 12:00

Next meeting: November 4th Wirth Lake Room Brookview

Potential future meeting topics:

- Cost sharing CIP projects with member cities

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