



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

Date: March 31, 2009
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Set a Public Hearing for Annual Minneapolis NPDES Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report**

Recommendation:

Set a Public Hearing date for April 28, 2009 to receive public comments regarding the Annual Report of 2009 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and 2008 Activities. This process is a requirement of the City of Minneapolis' National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Disposal System (SDS) Permit # MN0061018.

Previous Directives:

None

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Presenters: Lois Eberhart, Water Resources Administrator, Surface Water & Sewers

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Not applicable
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Not applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Not applicable

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No Financial Impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Memo announcing opportunity for the general public to provide comments regarding the draft Annual Report is being sent to all neighborhood organizations, other interested parties (see Attachment).

City Goals: A Safe Place To Call Home -- quality of life; a healthy environment; the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained. Enriched Environment -- plentiful green spaces; lakes, rivers and the soil and air will be clean. A Premier Destination -- the country will see Minneapolis as a national treasure.

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 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (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 existing NPDES and SDS Stormwater Runoff Permit (Permit) to the City of Minneapolis (City) and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB), as co-permittees, on December 1, 2000. (A replacement for the existing NPDES and SDS Stormwater Permit is currently being drafted for issuance later in 2009.) The Permit requires the implementation of stormwater management activities that are designed to mitigate the pollution effects of urbanization on stormwater runoff. As a point of clarification, the City has two NPDES Permits: Stormwater Runoff and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO).

Throughout each year, the City and the MPRB develop and modify their 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 Environmental Coordinating Team (ECT), concerns raised by residents and others, and responses to our website information.

Requirements for Annual Reporting, Public Comment, and Council Action

The Permit requires that the permittees prepare and submit an Annual Report that includes two components: the Permit activities for the previous year, and the stormwater management program for current and future years. This Annual Report must be submitted by June 1 of each calendar year. The Permit also requires that opportunities be made for the general public to provide comments regarding the draft Annual Report. The comments must be solicited and received prior to the Annual Report submittal to the MPCA. The cutoff date for comments by the general public regarding this year's draft Annual Report is Noon on Friday, May 1, 2009.

A notice to the parties listed on the Attachment is being sent on March 31, 2009, indicating that the draft Annual Report will be available for viewing on the following City website:

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

A paper copy of the draft Annual Report will also be available for viewing between March 31 and May 1 at either of the following locations:

- Office of the City Clerk, Room 304 City Hall, 350 S. 5th Street, Minneapolis MN 55415 between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday; or
- Public Works Surface Water & Sewers Division, Room 300 City of Lakes Building, 309 2nd Avenue S., Minneapolis MN 55401 by appointment with Trevis Graham at (612) 673-3636 or Nancy Josie at (612) 673-3609, between the hours of 7:30 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday.

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

Att.: List of Recipients of Annual Report for Review and Comment

Cc: Michael Schmidt, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Corey Conover, Office of the City Attorney

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Email address</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Address</u>
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Blue Water Association	sheila62sdmn@yahoo.com	Sheila Cracraft-Fehler	4116 32nd Av S, Mpls, MN 55406
Clean Water Action	mzellar@cleanwater.org	Marie Zellar	308 Hennepin Ave E, Mpls, MN 55414
Friends of the Mississippi River	wclark@fmr.org	Whitney Clark	360 N Robert St, St. Paul, MN 55101
Hennepin County Environmental Dept.	carl.michaud@co.hennepin.mn.us	Carl Michaud	417 N 5th St, Mpls, MN 55401
Metropolitan Council Environmental Services	bill.moeller@metc.state.mn.us	Bill Moeller	3565 Kennebec Dr, Eagan, MN 55122
(all) Minneapolis Neighborhood Organizations	Bob.Cooper@ci.minneapolis.mn.us	c/o Bob Cooper, CPED	
Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	eevenson@minnehahacreek.org	L. Eric Evenson	18202 Minnetonka Blvd, Deephaven, MN 55391
MN Center for Environmental Advocacy	ksigford@mncenter.org	Kris Sigford	26 E Exchange St, # 206, St. Paul, MN 55101
MN Dept of Agriculture, Pesticide Mgmt	ron.struss@state.mn.us	Ron Struss	625 Robert St N, St. Paul, MN 55155
MN Dept of Natural Resources, Water Division	kent.lokkesmoe@dnr.state.mn.us	Kent Lokkesmoe	500 Lafayette Rd, Box 32, St. Paul, MN 55155
MN Dept of Transportation, Water Resources	beth.neuendorf@dot.state.mn.us	Beth Neuendorf	Waters Edge, 1500 W Cty Road B-2, Roseville, MN 55113
MN Environmental Partnership	stevemorse@mepartnership.org	Steve Morse	2356 University Av W, #244, St. Paul, MN 55114
Mississippi River Revival	solomonsimon@hotmail.com	Sol Simon	51 E 4 th St, Suite 305, Winona, MN 55987
Mississippi Water Management Organization	dsnyder@mwmoo.org	Doug Snyder	2520 Larpenteur Av W, Lauderdale, MN 55113
St. Paul, City of	anne.weber@ci.stpaul.mn.us	Anne Weber, Sewer Utility	25 W 4th St, 700 City Hall, Saint Paul, MN 55102
Shingle Creek Watershed Mgmt. Commission.	judie@jass.biz	Judie Anderson	3235 Fernbrook Lane, Plymouth, MN 55447

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