

Shingle Creek/West Mississippi Watershed Commissions  
Second Generation Management Plan  
Plan Development Process and Meeting Summaries

The Shingle Creek/West Mississippi Watershed Management Commissions' (SCWMWMC) Second Generation Management Plan (the Plan) development process began in early 2001 with a series of organizations meetings and kickoff meetings with agency representatives. A Steering Committee consisting of city representatives and staff from supporting agencies was established and began meeting formally in June 2001. The initial tasks of the Steering Committee were: to develop and recommend to the Commission a Planning Process and a Work Plan (attached) for completing the Plan, and to organize an initial public forum to kick off the process.

The Commission hosted an Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on August 1, 2001, at the Maple Grove Community Center. Notices were sent to City Councils and City Managers and all persons on the watershed mailing list. The notice was published in the local papers of nine of the ten members cities (not published in Minneapolis). Attendance was very light, but those present provided valuable input into issues of concern in the watershed.

### **Committee Work**

The Steering Committee met 14 times to: develop goals and objectives for the Plan; review existing standards and policies; discuss amendments and additions to the standards and policies; and develop a draft work plan, budget, and CIP.

In November 2001 the Commission established a Communications Subcommittee to the Steering Committee and charged it with developing the education, participation, and communication portion of the plan. Media specialists and other interested parties from the cities and supporting agencies were invited to participate. This Subcommittee has met almost every month since that time, and has become a standing Committee of the Commission charged with developing and implementing the Commission's education, participation, and communication programs.

A Technical Advisory Committee of City Engineers and supporting agency staff was convened in January 2002 to review and comment on the detailed recommendations of the Steering Committee. This Committee met five times. The TAC's primary contributions to the Plan are the Management Rules and Standards (Appendix B) and the Management Strategies (Section 6).

Finally, a Policy Committee was convened once in May 2002. Mayors and City Managers were invited to participate in this forum. The intent of the meeting was to review the proposed policy directions and the resulting impact on the member cities, including the budget impact, and to obtain input on priorities. The Policy Committee believed that some parts of the Plan were too aggressive and the substantial proposed budget increase was greater than what was thought to be affordable. A revised work plan and budget were developed and circulated to no objections.

**Public, City Council and Planning Commission Input**

The Commission held a second Open House from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on August 8, 2002, again at the Maple Grove Community Center. It was very lightly attended. To obtain further public and elected official input, the Commission took the Plan to each of the cities in the form of presentations to City Councils, Planning Commissions, and citizen groups. Many of those meetings were televised on cable TV. Each presentation included an overview of the watershed and its water resources; summaries of the First Generation goals and the Second Generation goals; a discussion of the Second Generation management philosophies; and an overview of the work plan and resulting budget impact. Questions and concerns raised in each of the cities were varied but in general the management philosophies, goals, and work plan proposed in the Second Generation Plan were supported, with the caveat that the work plan and CIP should assume realistic budget increases.

Meetings for public input were as follows:

Brooklyn Center City Council	August 12, 2002
Brooklyn Center Rotary Club	August 13, 2002
Brooklyn Park City Council	August 19, 2002
Champlin Planning Commission	August 19, 2002
Commission Open House	August 8, 2002
Crystal City Council	August 20, 2002
Maple Grove City Council	November 4, 2002
Minneapolis Victory, Shingle Creek, and Webber-Camden Neighborhood Associations	October 23, 2002
New Hope City Council	August 26, 2002
Osseo City Council	October 14, 2002
Plymouth City Council	August 13, 2002
Robbinsdale City Council	August 5, 2002

All member cities, Hennepin County, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and other agencies with review interests were provided with a copy of the draft Plan on September 12, 2002 for the initial 60-Day Review. The Commission held a Public Hearing on the draft Plan on December 12, 2002 at 7 p.m. at Brooklyn Park City Hall. No one appeared to speak to the Plan. Written comments were received from several agencies and those comments were entered into the record. The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) on December 16, 2002 convened an Interagency Meeting to review and take comment on the proposed Plan.

**Media and Internet**

Various articles have appeared in the local papers, including the various *Sun Post* and *Sun Sailor* publications, the *Osseo-Maple Grove Press* and the *Champlin-Dayton Press*, and the *Camden News*. The Second Generation Plan in its entirety is posted on the Commissions' Web site at [www.shinglecreek.org](http://www.shinglecreek.org).