

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Transportation & Public Works
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From: Public Works Department
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Subject:

Minneapolis National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report

Description:

Setting a Public Hearing for June 7, 2016 to receive public comments regarding the Stormwater Management Program.

Previous Actions:

July 14, 2015 –Held public hearing and adopted the previous year’s annual report.

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

In 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued regulations that required stormwater runoff from municipalities with populations greater than 100,000 to be permitted under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program. This program is also called Phase 1 of the Federal Clean Water Act stormwater requirements. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under a delegation agreement with the EPA, issued NPDES and State Disposal System (SDS) Stormwater Runoff Permit # MN0061018 (Permit) to the City of Minneapolis (City) and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB), as co-permittees, on December 1, 2000 and re-issued the Permit on January 21, 2011. The Permit requires the implementation of stormwater management activities that are designed to mitigate the pollution effects of urbanization on stormwater runoff.

The Permit requires that the permittees prepare and submit an Annual Report of activities for the previous year. The Permit also requires that opportunities be made for the general public to provide comments regarding the Stormwater Management Program. 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 is Noon on Friday, June 17, 2016. The Annual Report will then be finalized and submitted to the MPCA by June 30, 2016.

A notice to the parties listed on the Attachment will be sent on May 13, providing information about how to comment on the Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program, and indicating that the Program is available for viewing on the following City web site:
<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@publicworks/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-144838.pdf>

Additional information about the permit and process can be found at the following web site:
http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/publicworks/stormwater/stormwater_npdesannualreportdocuments

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.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

Attachments:

1. List of Recipients for Review and Comment

cc: Corey Conover, City Attorney's Office
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