

FINAL REPORT SUMMARY

PRAP

Performance Review and Assistance Program
2009 Level II Review:
Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission
(Hennepin County)

Why BWSR did this review

BWSR conducts Level II performance reviews to help local government water management entities to be the best they can be in plan implementation and overall operational effectiveness. In 2009 BWSR conducted Level II performance reviews of nine different local water management entities.

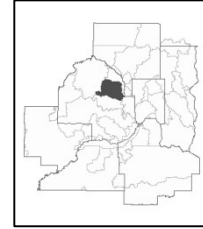
BWSR has conducted a routine Level II performance review of the **Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission** because they are near the midpoint in implementing their 10-year watershed management plan.

This document includes findings and recommendations to enhance the overall operation and effectiveness of the watershed management commission. The commission members are responsible for taking any actions they deem necessary in response to this report.

Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission Summary of Performance Review Results

What BWSR Found

The Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission operates as an effective, collaborative entity for addressing complex watershed management issues in a developed urban area. They have aggressively pursued major program elements of their watershed management plan and have made significant progress in plan implementation.



The commission has met all but two of BWSR's watershed management organization basic performance standards. They need to address the timeliness and content of their annual activity reports, and they should adopt a data practices policy. They should also work to ensure that the two unapproved local water management plans in their watershed are processed quickly.

The commission is commended for meeting the following high performance standards:

- ★ Board member training
- ★ Operational guidelines
- ★ Plan goals and objectives guide annual budgeting
- ★ Water quality trends tracked for priority water bodies
- ★ Website content compliance
- ★ Obtained stakeholder input
- ★ Partnerships/cooperative projects with others
- ★ Coordination with county/city/township

BWSR makes six recommendations for the commission to consider: ensure that their annual activity reports are content-compliant and submitted on time, adopt a data practices policy and procedures, ensure completion and approval of local water management plans, re-examine project funding limits, develop a cost share program, and begin tracking public education and outreach outcomes.

The commission submitted a written response to the recommendations in the report.