

October 26, 2018

Mr. Randy Anhorn, Administrator
Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
12800 Gerard Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

RE: Hopkins Water Resources Management Plan
Metropolitan Council Reviews File No. 22103-1

Dear Mr. Anhorn:

The Metropolitan Council (Council) has completed its review of the City of Hopkins's *Water Resources Management Plan* (Plan). The Plan was reviewed for consistency with Minnesota Rules Chapter 8410 and the Council's *2040 Water Resources Policy Plan*.

The review was based on the following characteristics specific to the city:

- The city is fully developed with a mix of commercial, industrial, residential, and open space land uses.
- The city lies within two watersheds: the Minnehaha Creek Watershed and the Nine Mile Creek Watershed
- There are no lakes and only several public wetlands within the city boundaries
- Redevelopment activities within the city could occur due to population growth.
- Redevelopment opportunities will allow for the city to retrofit and improve upon its stormwater practices as needed

The city's water resource plan generally meets the requirements for a local surface water management plan. The Plan provides a good overall framework for Hopkins's to successfully manage its water resources. However, there are some areas of the Plan which should be improved in order to be fully consistent with Minnesota Rules Chapter 8410 and the Council's *Water Resources Policy Plan*.

1. The Plan needs to include drainage areas, volumes, rates, and paths of stormwater runoff. This information is required for a local water resources management plan and can be incorporated by reference if available from another source, but the source needs to be clearly stated.
2. The stormwater runoff from the city drains to Minnehaha Creek and Nine Mile Creek, which are impaired for chloride, dissolved oxygen, and fish and aquatic invertebrate bioassessments. The Plan should discuss how the city's surface runoff affects those impaired waters and what the city's role is or will be in fulfilling current and future TMDL allocations, including related implementation projects and funding sources needed to address these impairments.

3. Finally, the Plan referred to a few figures, but all figures numbered as "WRx.x" are not found either in the Water Resources Management Plan or in the city's Comprehensive Plan. Please update or indicate where those figures can be found.

If you have any questions about the Council's comments, please call Hong Wang at 651-602-1079 or email at hong.wang@metc.state.mn.us. After the city adopts the plan, a final copy should be forwarded to the Council for our records along with the dates on which the watersheds approve the plan and the city adopts the final plan.

Sincerely,



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