

Minutes

White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan Work Group



Meeting Date: February 4, 2025

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Shoreview Community Center

Members Present:

- ✓ Bryan Bear, City of Hugo
- ✓ Clark Schroeder, City of Lake Elmo
- ✓ Michael Grochala, City of Lino Lakes
- ✓ Craig Schlichting, City of New Brighton
- ✓ Kevin Kress, City of North Oaks
- ✓ Morgan Dawley, City of North St. Paul
- ✓ Chris Volkers, City of Oakdale
- ✓ Tom Wesolowski, City of Shoreview
- ✓ Shawn Sanders, City of Stillwater
- ✓ Jim Hauth, City of Vadnais Heights
- ✓ Paul Kauppi, City of White Bear Lake
- ✓ Mary Van Milligen, City of Woodbury
- ✓ Jason Moeckel, Department of Natural Resources
- ✓ Liz Kaufenberg, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- ✓ Racquel Vaske, Saint Paul Regional Water Services
- ✓ Greg Johnson, Metropolitan Council
- ✓ Judy Sventek, Metropolitan Council
- ✓ Sam Paske, Metropolitan Council

Alternate Members Present:

- ✓ Jami Philip, White Bear Township
- ✓ John Oswald, Minnesota Department of Health

Call to Order

Judy Sventek called the meeting of the White Bear Lake Comprehensive Plan Work Group to order at 12:30 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Work Group members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Information Items and Committee Work

1. Welcome and introductions
Brigitte Bjorklund from Zan Associates welcomed the group. Work group members, guests, and staff introduced themselves.
2. Project 1007 Feasibility Study Recommendation
Hanna Temme from AECOM and Andri Dahlmeier from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) presented on the feasibility study recommendation for project 1007. Project 1007 is a stormwater conveyance system constructed to address flooding in the Tri-Lakes area. Proximity to the Oakdale Disposal Site and the Washington County Landfill have resulted

in high PFAS concentrations in surface water and groundwater. The presenters shared different alternatives and the impacts of each, as well as their recommended alternative to best address PFAS and treat water. Work group members had questions on the funding source for the recommended alternative, what stakeholders are involved in the process, and how some of the water would be treated.

3. Wastewater Use in the NE Metro

Chris Larson from SEH presented on reusing wastewater in the NE Metro. He went over why municipal wastewater needs to be treated, different ways wastewater reuse is utilized, and the treatment process. He then went over possible ways wastewater reuse could be utilized in the NE Metro and what information would be gathered by further study. Work group members had questions on how this effort would be funded and project staff clarified that financial analysis would be an additional future step and they are currently in the early stages of the study. Work group members also asked about PFAS removal, water chemistry, and cost savings.

4. NMLG Model Results for White Bear Lake, 2050 and Ultimate Water Demands

Glen Champion from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presented on the NMLG model results for White Bear Lake and the ultimate future water demands. He went over how the data was modeled, results, and next modeling steps. One work group member asked how industrial use affects lake levels.

5. Draft Scopes of Work – Two Studies

Greg Johnson from Met Council provided an update on two upcoming studies. He first went over all upcoming studies and then shared the scopes of work for a surface water quality and lake augmentation study and a study looking at raising the outlet elevation of White Bear Lake. Work group members asked questions about lake augmentation, risks and hazards of altering the White Bear Lake outlet elevation, and the status of the current budget.

Next Steps

1. Next meeting: March 26 from 1-3pm at Woodbury Public Safety Education Center

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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