

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Krista Billerbeck , Natural resources manager
DATE: September 15, 2025
SUBJECT: Public hearing for Shoreview's municipal separate storm sewer system permit (MS4 permit)
ITEM NUMBER: 9.a
SECTION: PUBLIC HEARINGS

REQUESTED MOTION

To close the public hearing

INTRODUCTION

The City of Shoreview is authorized to operate a municipal separate storm sewer system under the MS4 general permit through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Each year, the city must hold a public hearing and encourages residents to share comments. Typically, an annual report is also prepared and submitted to the MPCA about the past year's activity. However, the MPCA is in the process of converting to a new reporting system which is not ready yet. Therefore, an annual report will not be submitted at this time and will be at a later point when the system is available.

DISCUSSION

Shoreview has held an MS4 permit through the MPCA since the program began in 2003. Based on population and level of urbanization, cities like Shoreview are subject to stormwater regulation under the federal Clean Water Act and Minnesota Rule 7090. Requirements include maintaining a stormwater pollution prevention program (SWPPP) that covers six minimum control measures:

- Public education and outreach
- Public participation/involvement
- Illicit discharge, detection, and elimination
- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction site runoff control
- Pollution prevention/good housekeeping

The goal of the program is to improve water quality by reducing the amount of sediment and pollution carried to surface and ground water from stormwater. The MPCA issues a new permit with updated requirements every 5-10 years. The current permit the city is authorized under is set to expire soon and the MPCA is developing the next permit.

Many city staff are involved in maintaining the stormwater system and fulfilling requirements of the MS4 permit. Positions and departments involved in permit activities include public works maintenance, natural resources, engineering, parks, communications, and building. Other agencies are also involved in carrying out elements of the permit including Ramsey County Soil & Water Division, Rice Creek Watershed District, and Ramsey Washington Metro

Watershed District. Staff has also worked with the consulting firm SEH on meeting requirements.

Any comments received on the city's SWPPP at the public hearing will be included in the annual report to the MPCA.

RECOMMENDATION

Following an overview of the 2024 MS4 activities, it is recommended that the council conduct a public hearing and record any comments.

ATTACHMENTS