

**Notice of:
Public Informational Meeting on the
Water Quality Study for Sweeney Lake**

Thursday, March 29, 2007,
6:30 pm
Golden Valley City Hall
Council Conference Room,
7800 Golden Valley Road

Dear Neighbor:

On behalf of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (Commission), I would like to invite you to participate in a very important informational meeting on a study we are undertaking on the water quality of Sweeney Lake.

Sweeney Lake is currently listed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as an impaired water body due to excess nutrients. The MPCA is required to complete what is known as a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study on Sweeney Lake to identify the sources of the nutrient impairment and determine what can be done to improve water quality. The Commission is taking a lead role in completing the study for the MPCA, which is providing the funding for the project. The Commission is a collaboration of nine west metro cities that works to improve water quality and prevent flood damage in the Bassett Creek watershed.

Immediately following ice-out this spring, our consultants will begin collecting in-lake water samples, samples of stormwater runoff into the lake and samples of the water leaving the lake. Sediment at the bottom of the lake will also be sampled. Sampling will continue through the fall of 2007. Depending on the weather this summer, a second season of sampling and monitoring may also be needed. A critical component of the study is to monitor the lake without the aerator system in operation. We have been discussing this need with lakeshore residents and plan to have the aerators turned off at ice-out.

The public informational meeting will include a presentation by our consultants and MPCA staff on the background of the TMDL program and a detailed overview of the Sweeney Lake Study. Following the presentation, there will be ample time to ask questions and discuss the study in more detail.

On behalf of the Commission, I encourage you to participate in the meeting to help us make the project a success and get the greatest possible value out of this effort. If you have any questions regarding the format of this meeting, please feel free to contact our Project Manager, Ron Leaf, at 651.765.2998. You can also contact me at 612.385.6885.

Sincerely,

Michael Welch
Chair, Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission