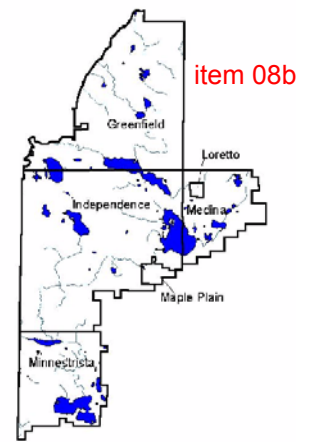


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DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2019
TO PIONEER-SARAH CREEK WATERSHED COMMISSION
FROM: JIM KUJAWA, JUDIE ANDERSON
RE: CITY OF INDEPENDENCE DRAFT 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW (DATED DECEMBER 2018)

Commission staff reviews member Community Storm Water Management Plans for conformance with the Commission's Third Generation Stormwater Management Plan. The review focuses on the requirements of the communities as outlined in MS 103B.231 and .235.

Updates to the local stormwater management plans are expected to include:

- Updated land use, hydrologic, and hydraulic data, and existing or potential water resource related problems that may have changed since the last LWMP.
- An explanation of how the member city will help to implement the actions set forth in the Commission's Plan, including specifically addressing adoption and enforcement of a manure management ordinance.
- Show how the member city will take action to achieve the load reductions and other actions identified in and agreed to in TMDL Implementation Plans.
- Updated Implementation Plan identifying the specific structural, nonstructural, and programmatic solutions to the problems and issues identified in the LWMP.
- Set forth an implementation program including a description of adoption or amendment of official controls and local policies necessary to implement the Rules and Standards; programs; policies; a capital improvement plan; and estimates of cost and funding mechanisms.

Information

Staff received the Independence 2040 Comprehensive Plan update on December 31, 2018.

Based on staff's review of the Independence 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Appendix A, Watershed Management Plan, we find the plan to be well thought out and comprehensive. Specifically, the goals and policies as they relate to implementation plan, the updated development submittal and hydrologic/hydraulic sections.

We offer the following comments and recommendations to this plan.

- 1) Section 4.2, Water Quality Goals; the goals only mention the Lake Independence and Painter Creek TMDL's. The other TMDLs within the community should be included in this goal.
- 2) Section 4.2, Policy 3, Section 4.3, Policy 12 and Section 5.10; all these sections and policies discuss stormwater facilities and their operation & maintenance. They do not specify who is responsible for said maintenance. Because of the potential future cost implications to the City or landowner, this should be determined for existing and future stormwater facilities, especially stormwater basins, and identified in the plan..
- 3) Section 5.9, Manure Management Policy. This is an excellent policy. We would encourage the city to go beyond requiring this for only commercial riding facilities, but to require it as a guideline for any new animal facility that is over 1.0 animal units in size.

Action

Based on staff's review, we feel the plan meets the intent and requirements of the PSCWMC and MN Statutes and recommend the Commission approve the 2040 Daft Comprehensive Plan with the inclusion of the items included in the comments listed above.

JCK