



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

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Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
c/o City of Golden Valley
7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley MN 55427

Minnesota House of Representatives
HF 3577 Authors

Dear Representatives Anselmo, Barr, Haley, Smith, Fenton, Loon, Jurgens, Pugh, Metsa, Fischer, Poston, and Heintzeman,

The Board of Commissioners of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Organization greatly appreciates your authorship and support of HF 3577 to establish a salt applicator certification program and provide for limited liability for those that follow a smart salting program.

While the amounts of pollutants such as nutrients and sediment have declined in Bassett Creek over the last 15 years, the amount of chloride has risen significantly. In fact, of the 21 Metro area streams monitored by the Metropolitan Council, Bassett Creek has the highest concentrations of chlorides! The health of the stream and its aquatic life are in jeopardy. Reducing the amount of winter salt spread over an average parking lot or sidewalk is a critical step in the right direction.

We applaud your efforts to learn about this issue and to support this important legislation. There is evidence a similar law in New Hampshire is resulting in reduced salt use. It's Minnesota's turn to continue its tradition of leading the way toward protecting and improving our treasured water resources.

Please continue your quest to shepherd this legislation through the appropriate committees and all the way to the House floor!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim de Lambert".

Jim de Lambert
BCWMC Chair

CC: Clerks of BCWMC Member Cities: Crystal, Golden Valley, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park