

July 25, 2019

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RE: Ramsey Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 2  
Metropolitan Council District 9  
Referral File No. 22318-1

Dear Mr. Westby,

Thank you for submitting Part 2 of the City of Ramsey wellhead protection plan (WHPP). Metropolitan Council (Council) staff review completed plans under the provisions of Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4720.

The Council evaluates wellhead protection plans in comparison with information reported in the Council's Master Water Supply Plan; including population and water demand information, predicted issues associated with water supply development, and identified opportunities for inter-jurisdictional cooperation. This wellhead protection plan provides a good overview of the supply source and measures to protect it. Council staff offer the following comments to highlight how the plan could be made even stronger.

The City of Ramsey WHPP contains excellent information and demonstrates a significant understanding of WHP issues. The City's plan also does an outstanding job of identifying risks, issues, goals, and defines measures of success. The Council thanks the City for utilizing the Anoka County Wellhead Protection Group and *Know the Flow* website to coordinate wellhead protection (WHP) activities, and to facilitate communication and drinking water protection planning efforts. This group supports the goals outlined in Chapter 7 and could aid the wellhead protection manager in their efforts to identify problems, plan for emergency response, and educate citizens and business about source water protection. The Lower Rum River Watershed District and the Anoka Conservation District can be resources that aid the City with its WHP education efforts as well.

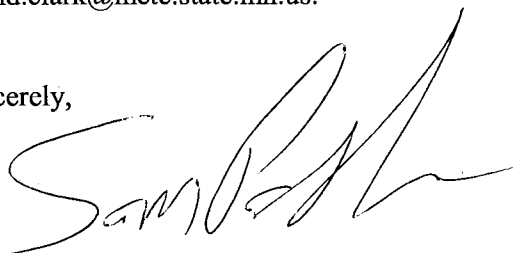
The integration of the WHPP with the City's planning process is a critical task in strengthening source water protection. There are resources available to communities to aid in the wellhead and source water planning and protection effort. Some examples include:

- 2015 Ramsey Systems Statement
- 2015 Master Water Supply Plan
- Water Conservation Toolbox
- Stormwater Reuse Guide
- Metropolitan Council 2010 Report: Evaluation of Groundwater and Surface-Water Interaction
- The Minnesota Technical Assistance Program
- University of Minnesota Extension: Lawn and Turfgrass Management Program
- Thrive MSP 2040 Regional Plan

Please let me know if you are interested in learning more about these tools or any other resources.

This letter completes the Council's review process. On behalf of the Council, I thank you for your efforts in preparing this plan. Please send us a copy of the finalized WHPP, as updates or revisions to the plan are made. Should any questions arise regarding the Council's review comments, please feel free to contact John Clark of the Council's Environmental Services Division at (651) 602-1452 or [johnd.clark@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:johnd.clark@metc.state.mn.us).

Sincerely,



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