

**COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**  
**POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL**

Policy #:

Program: Planning, Programming & Budgeting

Policy Name: State and Regional Facilities - Water Plans

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**POLICY**

To promote the conformance of federal, state and regional policies, plans, programs and regulations to the District's comprehensive plan.

To ensure the management practices on state and local lands and facilities are consistent with the comprehensive watershed management plan.

Within one year after approval of the District's Comprehensive, or amendments there to each State, Regional, and County facility within the District shall prepare and adopt a water management plan which is in substantial conformance with the Comprehensive plan for the Coon Creek watershed. Regional and County agencies operating facilities within the District are allowed the greatest degree of flexibility and discretion in the preparation of local water management plans, so long as the plans do not conflict with the goals and minimum requirements and standards of the District's Comprehensive plan

**DEFINITIONS**

Public Facility: Any Publicly owned or authorized land or facility that meets any of the following criteria:

Is classified as part of the state outdoor recreation system under MS 85,

Is part of a regional system under MS 473

Is authorized or chartered by the State of Minnesota

**SOURCE**

Minnesota Statutes 103B.235

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Publicly owned lands make up approximately 23% of the watershed and contribute significantly to its hydrology. While the District understands the legalities of requiring state and regional lands from conforming to watershed policy, the District believes that close coordination is required.

The Metropolitan Water Management Act (Minnesota Statutes 103B) is a legislative determination that management and protection of water and related land resource values in the Metropolitan area is a regional and statewide concern. That concern, however, does not exempt the effect of water coming from these lands or the need for water management on public lands within the watershed

This policy is intended to serve two functions:

1. As a general guide for land managers in preparing plans and programs consistent with the water management needs of the watershed, and
2. As an adopted framework for pursuing consistency and coordination in water management issues.

## **PROCEDURES**

Elements of a Public Facility Plan: A public facility plan shall include at least, if applicable, the following:

- A. A statement of the purpose and goal of the facility
- B. A delineation of any areas of critical ecological importance
- C. An existing land use map depicting the location, character, and intensity of existing land uses
- D. A future land use map depicting planned or anticipated land uses, including the character and intensity of uses and a schedule of their development;
- E. A detailed description of ongoing or planned building, construction or other similar activity, including projected dates of commencement and completion.
- F. A definition of the drainage areas and the volumes, rates and paths of storm water runoff.
- G. Identify areas and elevations for storm water storage adequate to meet the performance standards established in the Comprehensive plan.
- H. Define water quality and water quality protection methods adequate to meet the performance standards established in the Comprehensive plan
- I. Identifies regulated areas
- J. Preparation of the Plan for Certification:

2. Each public facility shall prepare, with the assistance of District staff as may be available, a master plan in accordance with the previous section, and shall submit it to the Watershed District for review and determination of whether the plan is in substantial conformance with the comprehensive plan for the watershed

3. Recommendation of the Administrator: The District Administrator shall review the plan, together with the recommendation of the staff, and shall submit a report to the Board of Managers setting forth proposed findings and recommendations as to whether the facility plan is in substantial conformance.

4. Certification of Public Facility Plans: Within sixty days after receipt of the Administrator's report, the Board shall review the findings, and recommendations, and shall certify with conditions, or disapprove the facility plan. If the facility plan is disapproved the Board shall specify the changes necessary in order to secure Board approval.

5. Responsibility of Facility upon Approval or Disapproval: Any Facility whose water plan has been disapproved or certified with conditions shall modify such plan as is necessary to conform to the minimum standards of the Comprehensive plan for the watershed, the conditions attached to the conditional certification or specified changes. Within 120 days after entry of the Districts order disapproving, or approving with conditions, the facility shall submit its modified plan for review pursuant to this policy.

6. Amendments to the Facility Plan: Each state or regional facility and the District Board may propose Amendments to an approved facility plan from time to time. Such Amendments shall be approved in same manner as the original plan and such Amendments shall not require the revision or approval of the plan as a whole.