

## RESPONSE TO COMMENTS/RECORD OF DECISION

The following documents comments and questions posed during the comment period for the City of Independence Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP), as part of Municipal Small Storm Sewer System (MS4) permitting process. An annual report regarding SWPPP activities completed in 2007 was due to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) by June 30, 2007.

No written comments were received. A few comments and questions were provided by City Council members and members of the public who attended a public hearing on the SWPPP on June 10, 2008, as part of a standing City Council meeting. Questions/comments pertaining to the SWPPP and responses are summarized below.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Provided by: Brad Spencer, Planning Commission*

**Comment 1:** Is a draft of the Shoreland Ordinance available for review?

**Response 1:** The draft Shoreland Ordinance is still in review with the Minnesota Department of Resources, so it is not available at this time. It is likely the DNR will have some comments and the draft will be revised. At that point, the revised ordinance will need to go through a public hearing process before being adopted.

*Provided by: Resident, no name provided*

**Comment 2:** The ditch along Lake Sarah Road all the way to Independence is not a maintained ditch. He would like to clear out the ditch so water can flow.

**Response 2:** The resident is encouraged to contact the City Engineer to determine the jurisdiction of the referenced ditch. A city permit may be required, and there may also be wetland impact requirements that need to be met.

### CONCLUSION

Based on comments received, no specific changes to the SWPPP are anticipated to be necessary, and no changes as a result of public comments will be reported in the 2007 Annual Report.