

Request for Council Action

Originator Planning	Item Authorize Comment Letter - Proposed DNR Trout Stream Designation
Agenda Section Organizational Business	Date 10/24/2016

Description

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has notified the City that it is proposing to designate a creek commonly referred to as “Ike’s Creek” as a trout stream. The creek is spring fed and originates on City owned land at 2401 E. Old Shakopee Road, diagonally across from the Mall of America.

Formal DNR designation as a trout stream will trigger a variety of additional standards in the vicinity. Many of the standards are included in the attached notice from the DNR, however staff believes standards beyond those discussed in the notice would be triggered, such as a 100 foot buffer required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Given the location of the creek in Bloomington’s South Loop District, where development is strongly encouraged by City official controls, staff is concerned that a formal designation could have a negative impact on development of the surrounding parcels.

The enclosed draft comment letter requests that the trout stream designation not be applied, but commits that the city will continue to work with the DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to keep the creek in its natural state.

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Recommended motion: Move to authorize transmittal of a comment letter to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources..

Attachments:

MnDNR Notice
 Map Depicting 100-Foot Buffer
 Draft Comment Letter