



October 2, 2017

7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

RESIDENT
7720 WINNETKA HEIGHTS DR
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55427

Subject: Feasibility Study for
DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

At its September 21, 2017 meeting, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission authorized the preparation of a feasibility study for the DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project. As shown on the attached map, the areas around DeCola Ponds B and C are being considered for expansion of flood storage to help alleviate a flooding problem within the watershed.

For more information about the flooding problem and the comprehensive flood mitigation plan approved by the cities of Golden Valley, New Hope, and Crystal in 2016, please visit: <http://www.goldenvalleymn.gov/stormwater/medicine-lake-rd-and-decola-ponds-flood-mitigation-project.php>, or contact Golden Valley staff at 763-593-8030.

The primary benefits of the DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project include reducing flood damages to homes and businesses, and improving public safety by reducing flooding on Medicine Lake Road. Additional benefits include improving water quality, enhancing vegetation and wildlife habitat, and improving recreation and park user experience.

The DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project is identified as a capital project in the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) capital improvement program. Construction of the project is scheduled for 2019 and 2020. However, before the project can be considered for construction, a feasibility study must be completed to better understand and evaluate the conditions, costs, and potential concept alternatives.

Since this project is located within the City of Golden Valley, the City is working closely with New Hope, Crystal, and the BCWMC to assist with various components of the study, such as corresponding with residents and helping with the public engagement process.

During the next few months, you will see crews surveying the utilities, trees, and topography in the area. The BCWMC Engineer (Barr Engineering) will be performing the field work.

One of the goals of the study is to design a project that meets the needs of property owners potentially impacted by flooding, as well as nearby residents and park users. With that in mind it is important that we hear from you during the public engagement process. The process will consist of two open houses – one this fall and one next spring – where you will have the opportunity to provide valuable input to help identify issues and develop concept plans. Look for an invitation to the fall open house in late October or early November.

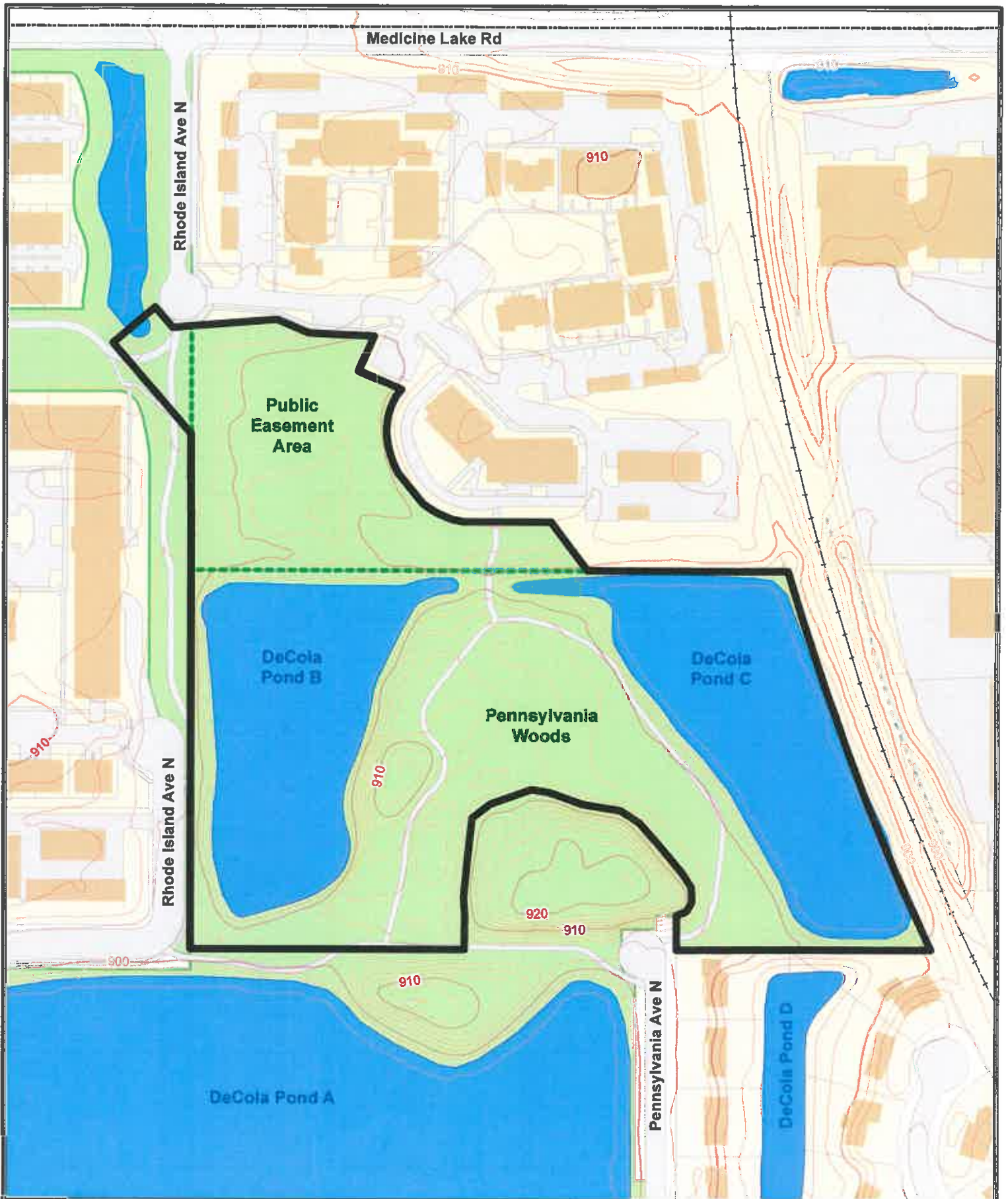
In the meantime, if you have any questions about the flooding problem, the comprehensive flood mitigation plan, or the DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project, please feel free to call Golden Valley Engineering staff at 763.593.8030.

Sincerely,



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Feasibility Study Area DeCola Ponds B & C Improvement Project