

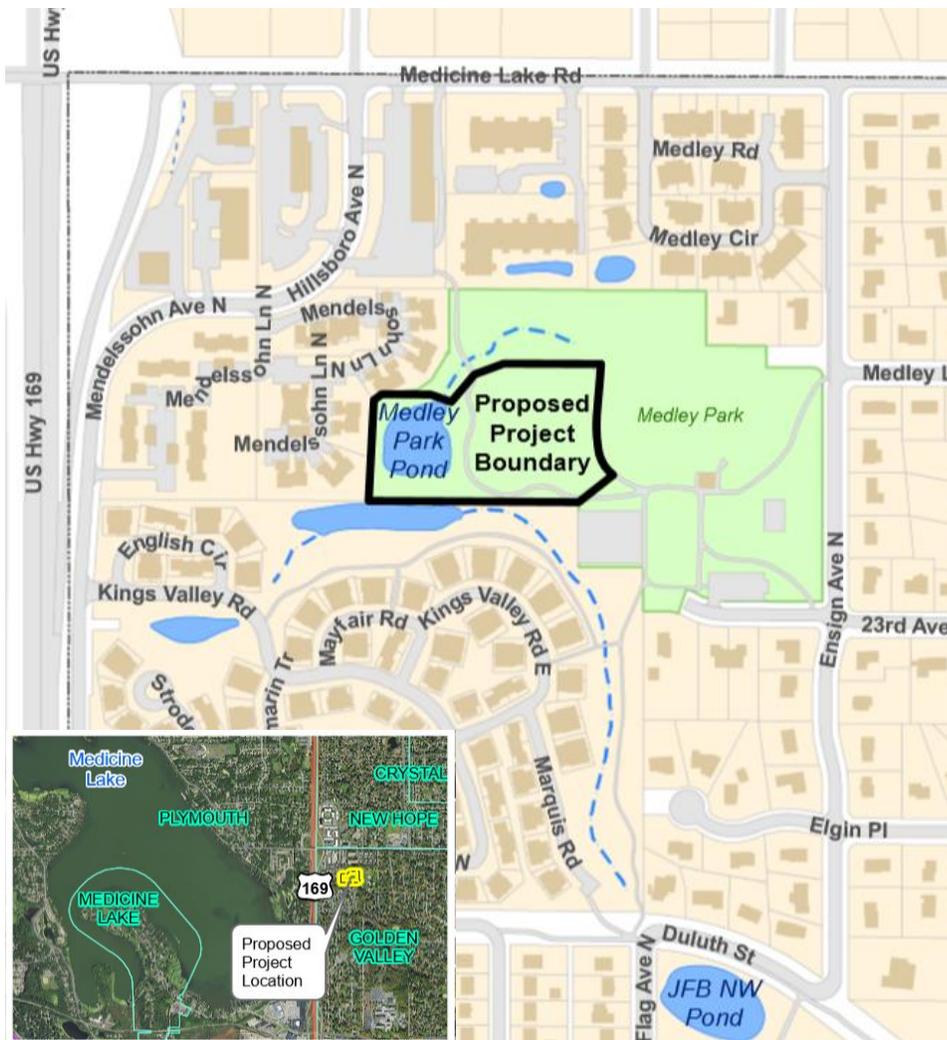


September 2, 2020

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

Subject: Feasibility Study for Medley Park Stormwater Improvement Project  
(BCWMC 2022 CIP Project ML-12)

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) in partnership with the City of Golden Valley is engaging in a feasibility study to look at options for providing stormwater improvements in the western portion of Medley Park to benefit the surrounding area and protect and improve downstream waters like Medicine Lake. The study will include opportunities for community engagement and outreach to better understand existing conditions, issues and needs, and to help develop concept plans for consideration by the BCWMC.





The primary benefits of the proposed project include improving the water quality of Medicine Lake and nearby surface waters, reducing flood damage to homes and infrastructure, protecting public health and safety, and preserving economic value. Additional benefits include improving ecological diversity and wildlife habitat (including pollinators), enhancing active and passive recreation opportunities, and providing educational opportunities to park users.

As part of the feasibility study, the BCWMC, City, and consultant, Barr Engineering Co., will engage with residents and stakeholders, perform field investigations, review permitting requirements, and develop concept plans and cost estimates for the proposed flood mitigation and water quality components of the project. Construction is currently slated for 2022-2023. Project costs will be determined through the study and there will be no special assessments to residents.

Over the next several weeks, you may notice Barr Engineering staff performing field investigations such as surveying, determining wetland boundaries, and collecting soil borings. Barr staff will access the study area through Medley Park and will have the appropriate safety vests, personal protective equipment, and identification on hand.

Although the City has implemented closures and cancellations due to the COVID-19 outbreak, planned studies and construction projects will move forward as scheduled. Following Minnesota Department of Health guidelines to help slow the spread of the virus, the City, the BCWMC, and their consultants and contractors will take necessary measures to help ensure the health and safety of workers and residents. Crews will implement social distancing during their work, and the City asks that residents do the same. Our top priority is maintaining the health and safety of our residents and staff. As the situation evolves, please find updated information about the status of City services at [bit.ly/2POhj7D](https://bit.ly/2POhj7D)

Please check your mailbox, the City website and social media for more information and an opportunity for engagement (virtual open house) in the months ahead.

If you have any questions about the feasibility study or the surface water management plans of the City or BCWMC, please contact me [eckman@goldenvalleymn.gov](mailto:eckman@goldenvalleymn.gov) or BCWMC Administrator Laura Jester [laura.jester@keystonewaters.com](mailto:laura.jester@keystonewaters.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Eckman".

Eric Eckman  
Environmental Resources Supervisor