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July 23, 2024

RE: Survey Crew in Area

South Oak Pond Rehabilitation project

City project no. 4024-4000

Dear Community Member:

The City of St. Louis Park will be implementing a water quality project at South Oak Pond that is anticipated to be completed during the winter of 2024-2025.

The goal of this project is to improve the quality of water that flows out of South Oak Pond to Minnehaha Creek and, ultimately, to Lake Hiawatha. This project will aim to reduce the total phosphorus concentrations flowing out of South Oak Pond by installing a water filtration system. This project is a part of a larger effort toward reducing the annual total phosphorus loading from the city into Minnehaha Creek. The project location map is on the back of this letter.

The city conducted data collection for this project last year. Now additional data is required to complete the final design. Over the next few weeks, you may notice survey crews and city staff performing inspections, marking utilities and collecting data in your neighborhood.

Funding for the South Oak Pond Rehabilitation project is allocated from the city's Stormwater Capital Improvement Program and the Clean Water Fund. There are no proposed assessments to property owners for this project.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns regarding the evaluation activities at 952.924.2690 or efrancis@stlouisparkmn.gov.

Sincerely,

**Erick Francis** 

Water resources manager

Attachment - Project Map

CC: Debra Heiser, engineering director

Kim Keller, city manager Ward 2 council member

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