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Residents and Project Stakeholders:

This is the third email update for the 2025 Overlay and 2025 Highview Area Street & Utility Improvements project. The intent of the updates is to notify residents and other interested parties of recent and upcoming work, and to provide relevant details related to the construction activity. Please pass along this update to others in your home or adjacent residents and encourage them to provide email address to me to get added to this distribution list. For reference, the first and only mailed project update was sent to adjacent property owners the first week of June. All project updates moving forward will be by electronic means only –email and the project website (address below).

The project team would like to thank you for your patience with the construction activities thus far. Feel free to continue to contact SEH with any questions or concerns regarding the project. We hope to respond in a timely manner. However, when more than one team member needs to be consulted, it may take a little longer to provide you with accurate up-to-date information.

Jeff Supan, SEH's Field Representative, will be on-site during active construction to observe project progress (and has been out on site the last couple of weeks marking concrete removals – drives a black Toyota Highlander). He is the fastest link to problem solving because he communicates directly with everyone on the construction team. Do not hesitate to contact Jeff at 320.250.3381 with any questions you may have. If you are unable to reach Jeff in the field, for the weeks of July 7th and 14th please contact Jarod Griffith at 218.849.0539 in the SEH office. Less urgent questions can still be sent to Scott Hedlund at 612.865.3509 or shedlund@sehinc.com and he will respond the week of July 21st.

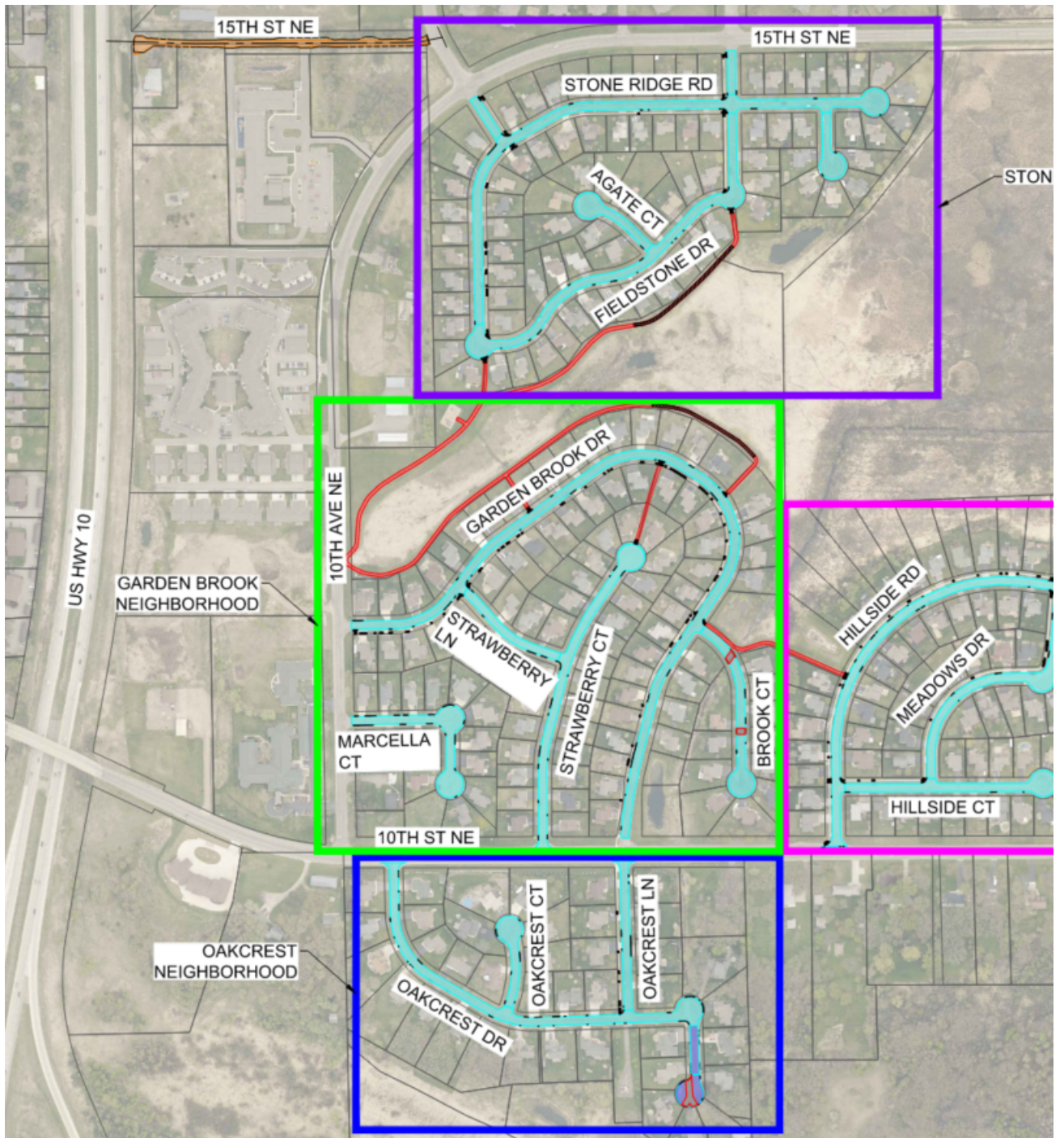
Project Schedule/ Upcoming Work:

The City's Contractor began construction in earnest in the Overlay portion of the project on June 30th in the Oak Crest, Garden Brook, Stone Ridge, and Hillside Meadows neighborhoods. Work this week has included milling out an approximate 2 feet wide strip of pavement adjacent to concrete curb replacement areas, and in the Oak Crest neighborhood the concrete removal and re-pouring operations began. The Contractor has advised the following planned activities, subject to change and the weather:

OVERLAY PORTION OF THE PROJECT

- Week of July 7th:
 - Work will continue in the Garden Brook, Stone Ridge, Oak Crest, Hillside Meadows, and Church Hill Heights neighborhoods to include:
 - Targeted concrete curb, sidewalk, and pedestrian curb ramp replacements (moving operation under traffic with concrete pouring following behind the removal work, generally working northward).
 - Targeted storm pipe/culvert repairs.
- Week of July 14th:

- Work will continue in the Garden Brook, Stone Ridge, Oak Crest, Hillside Meadows, and Church Hill Heights neighborhoods to include:
 - Targeted concrete curb, sidewalk, and pedestrian curb ramp replacements (moving operation with concrete pouring following behind the removal work, generally working northward).
 - Casting replacements and adjustments.
 - Targeted storm pipe/culvert repairs.
- Work in the Church Hill Heights neighborhood to include:
 - Targeted concrete curb, sidewalk, and pedestrian curb ramp replacements (moving operation with concrete pouring following behind the removal work)
- Reclaiming Trails in multiple neighborhoods
- Reclaiming 15th St NE.
- Remainder of July into August:
 - The following activities will begin to occur as the above work items gets completed (with more specific timing details conveyed in upcoming project updates):
 - Finish above items if not completed.
 - Concrete repairs in other portions of the project.
 - Trail repairs
 - Grading and shaping of trails and 15th St NE reclaim material
 - Paving trails and 15th St NE
 - Concrete pedestrian curb ramp work for the trails and other portions of the project
 - Milling the remaining roads (including the Benton Drive frontage road, 13th St So, and Riverview Court)
 - Paving the remaining roads
 - This remaining work will also be a moving operation along various streets and neighborhoods, under traffic.

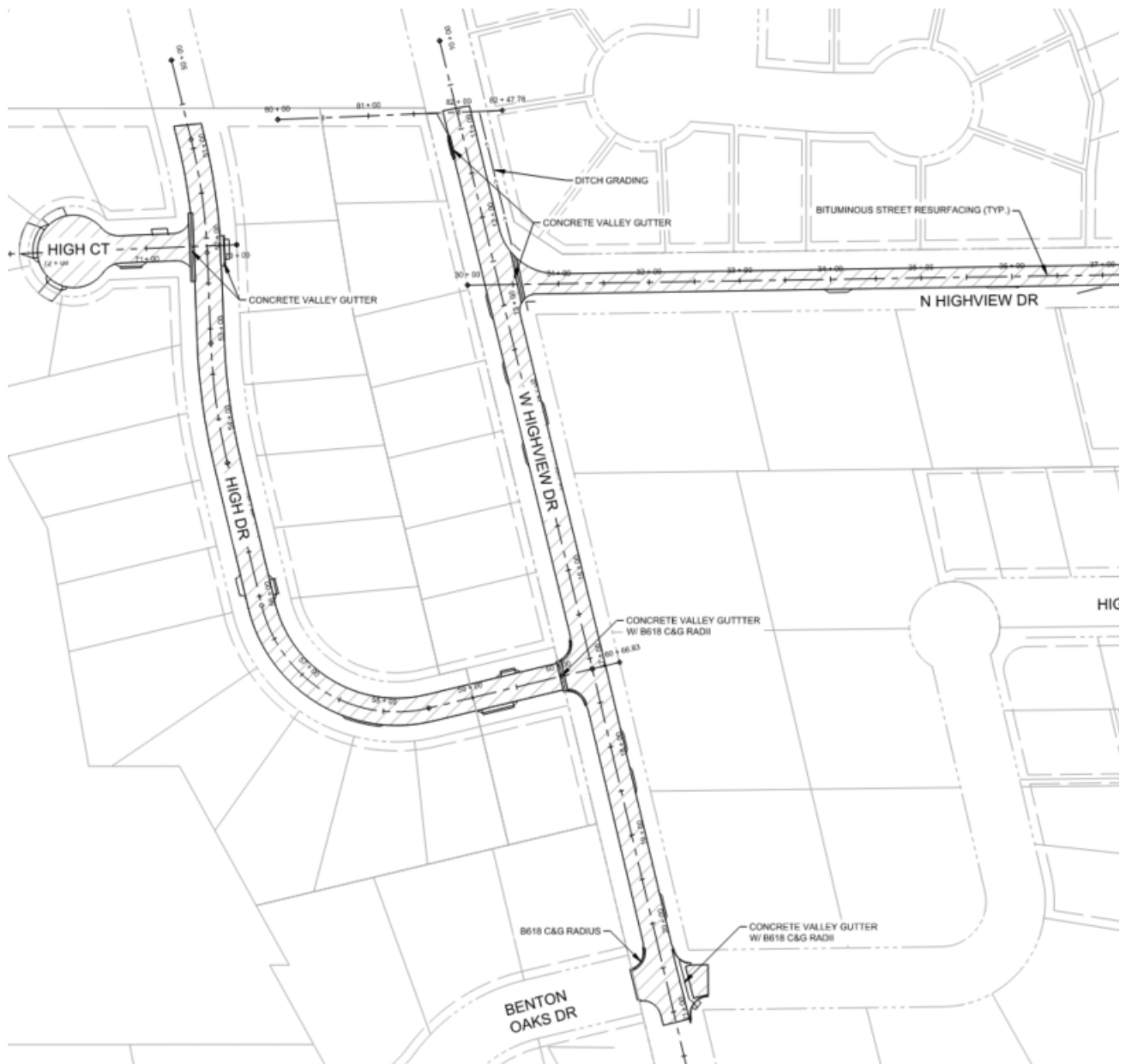




HIGHVIEW AREA OF THE PROJECT

- Week of July 14th:
 - Begin construction in the Highview Area of the project on or about July 16th
 - Reclaim (pulverize) the existing bituminous streets
- Week of July 21st:
 - Water main work on North Highview Drive between East Highview Drive and Oak Drive including at the intersections on or about July 23rd (**Note, this is the only planned water main work on the entire project**).
 - Also note, there will be temporary water shutdowns affecting some residents with City water when the new water main loop is being connected to the existing mains. The City will distribute “door hanger” notifications with more details on the date and time window to expect being temporarily out of water so you can plan accordingly.
 - Grading and shaping of reclaim material

- Remainder of July into August on the **Highview Area** portion of the project:
 - The following activities will begin to occur as the reclaiming and water main work get completed (with more specific timing details conveyed in upcoming project updates):
 - Finish above items if not completed
 - Concrete flat work
 - Paving the first lift of bituminous surfacing
 - Concrete valley gutters
 - Culvert and ditch cleaning
 - Turf restoration
 - Final lift paving



Construction of the **entire project** is planned to be completed in 2025 by the end of September, weather permitting, subject to change.

Please remember that construction schedules can change at a moment's notice because of weather, delays by subcontractors, or other unforeseen events.

Special Information:

It is very important that anyone with special needs or disabilities contact us as soon as possible. We are in the process of working with emergency response organizations to locate any residences that may have a special need, so we are fully aware of the issues throughout construction and if quick response is needed to any specific residence(s), there is a plan in place. Contact Jeff Supan with SEH at 320.250.3381.

Private Utility Work:

Within the Highview Area portion of the project there has been and will be some additional private utility relocation work completed in the coming weeks. Xcel Energy natural gas crews recently completed relocating a main and services ahead of the planned water main work along North Highview Drive and Oak Drive. Xcel Energy electric crews also recently completed relocating a power pole in the southwest corner of the West Highview Drive/ High Drive intersection. Note, **the City of Sauk Rapids does not control the activities and operations of the private utility companies.**

24-hour Emergency Contact:

If you need assistance related to access or other construction related problems, the primary contact from **Knife River Corporation – North Central** is **Matt Otremba, phone number (320)-630-9963.**

Access Limited in Areas of Utility and Concrete Work:

During the water main and storm pipe repair work there will be temporary access restrictions to properties in the immediate vicinity of that work. When crews are working on your street, the intent is for vehicles to be able to leave in the early morning, and return in the evening, but access restrictions during the daytime working hours may occur. **Project staff will coordinate with residents to alert them of access restrictions.**

If any concrete (curb & gutter or sidewalk) repair work crosses your driveway, it will not be vehicle-accessible when the concrete is being formed, poured, and curing. Concrete can take up to 7 days to properly cure prior to driving a vehicle on it. Property owners with impacted driveways will need to park on the street during this time.

Please refrain from on-street parking within the project limits during daylight hours until further notice (unless you are unable to utilize your driveway due to project concrete repair work).

Irrigation Systems/ Sprinkler Heads/ Pet Containment Systems:

If you own an irrigation system, or pet containment system (e.g. Invisible Fence) please mark any of the sprinkler heads and cables that are adjacent to the project streets, curbs, and trails ahead of construction starting in your area. This will aid in addressing potential system damage or disruption that may occur as a result of construction. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Supan – SEH at 320.250.3381.

Work Zones:

Notice on Construction Zone Activities:

- **The majority of the City Contractor's work within roadway corridors is planned to be completed under traffic.**
- It is necessary to close the trails in order complete the resurfacing work.
- Road & trail work signs, other temporary signage, and or flaggers will be in place in the project areas to warn motorists & pedestrians, and protect workers during construction. Please pay careful attention to the warning signs and flaggers. Please exercise caution as you navigate the work zones.

Project Website:

Please note the link below, which includes information about the project, including copies of all Project Updates.

Link: <https://www.sehinc.com/2025overlayhighview>

Thank you,

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