

2026 Clearwater Road, North Lynddale Area, & Brentwood  
Circle Street & Utility Improvements  
Baxter, Minnesota



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# Project Update

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Hello and welcome to the Project Update for the *Clearwater Road, North Lynddale Area, and Brentwood Circle Street & Utility Improvements project*. In this newsletter, we will be updating you on the project team, project status, and help answer frequently asked questions. If you have not been added to the email distribution list, and wish to receive future Project Updates via email, please provide your email to Neil Heinonen at [nheinonen@sehinc.com](mailto:nheinonen@sehinc.com).

**Project updates will be ELECTRONIC ONLY by email or the project website.**

**Project Website:** [www.sehinc.com/baxter2026streetproject](http://www.sehinc.com/baxter2026streetproject)



The project team consists of the City of Baxter, SEH, and RL Larson Excavating, Inc. SEH is the engineering firm that serves as the contact between the contractors and residents/property owners. All general project questions should initially be directed to SEH personnel.

Shane Murphy as SEH's Field Representative, will be on-site during active construction to observe project progress. Shane is the fastest link to problem solving because he will communicate directly with everyone on the construction team. Do not hesitate to contact Shane at 612.226.7984 with any questions you may have. If you are unable to reach Shane in the field, please contact Neil Heinonen at 320.250.2090 or ([nheinonen@sehinc.com](mailto:nheinonen@sehinc.com)) in the SEH office.

## Project Status and Schedule

The City of Baxter publicly bid the project and awarded the construction contract to the low bidder RL Larson Excavating, Inc. of St. Cloud, MN. RL Larson Excavating is the General Contractor responsible for the overall project.

You have probably noticed private utility companies (electricity, natural gas, telephone, cable TV, etc.) marking their private utilities and working in the project area already. This will continue throughout the construction process. Relocation of private utilities is necessary to avoid construction conflicts with proposed street and public utility construction. Utility relocation work is anticipated to occur within project areas. This includes work by service providers such as Xcel Energy, Crow Wing Power, or communication companies. Any service interruption will be communicated by each utility provider. Note, the City and RL Larson Excavating do not direct or control the operations for these private utilities.

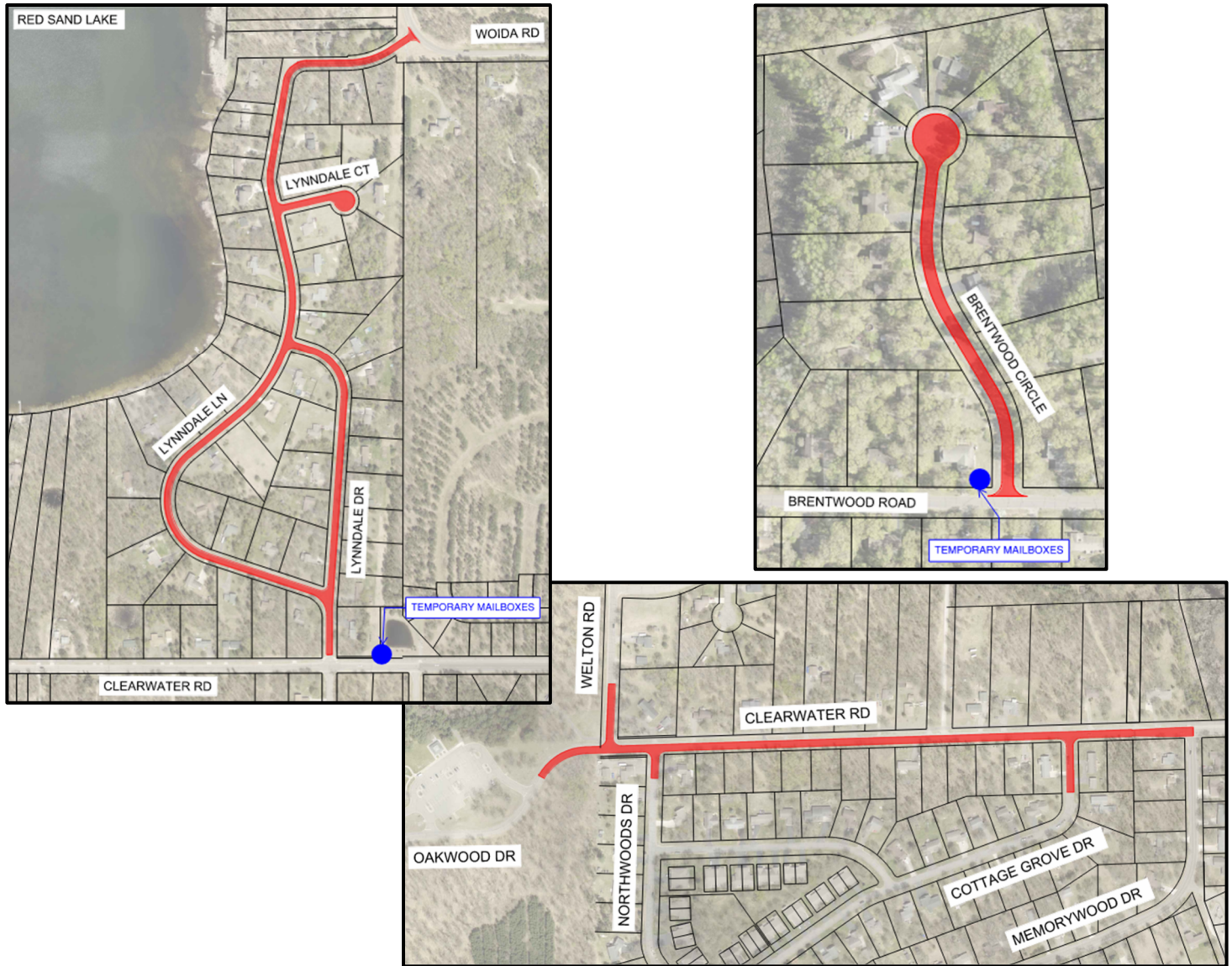
In addition to private utility activity, the Contractor plans to have crews on site for tree clearing, topsoil stripping and removal of pavement. The crews will start with tree clearing and continue with grading and pavement removals. The removal work is **proposed to start on Lynddale Drive and Brentwood Circle the week of May 18th**. Note, all construction work and schedules are subject to change and weather.

SEH has been assisting the City to monitor the private utility activities, observe Contractor construction progress, and respond to property owner questions. There has been and will continue to be ongoing periodic survey crew activity by SEH, installing wood lath with paint/ribbons. Please do not disturb the survey stakes and utility flags as they are necessary for assisting with construction activities and for safety.

## Description of Project

This project includes full reconstruction of neighborhood streets and construction of city utilities within the project limits. Improvements generally include street reconstruction on Clearwater Road, the North Lynndale neighborhood streets, and Brentwood Circle. Clearwater Road will include a new sanitary lift station and forcemain, new sanitary sewer main, watermain and sewer and water services, storm sewer extension and trail replacement. The North Lynndale area will include new sanitary sewer main, watermain and sewer and water services. Brentwood Circle will include new sanitary sewer main and sewer and water services.

## Project Location



## Construction Zone

Detour, barricade, road closure signs will be installed throughout the project area to protect motorists during construction. Please pay careful attention to these construction signs. "Road Closed" and "Detour" signs are used where the road is impassable and closed to all traffic except for the Contractor's equipment or officially authorized vehicles. "Road Closed to Thru Traffic" signs are used where through traffic must detour to avoid a closure some distance beyond the sign, but where local traffic can move up to the point of closure. In this instance, local traffic would be defined as residential/business traffic from the particular street under construction.

There will also be times during construction that direct access to your driveway will be limited, particularly when underground utilities and storm sewer is being installed, the road is being subcut, when concrete is being placed and is curing, and when fresh, hot bituminous is being constructed. Access to your property is important to us, and the Contractor will work to minimize those times that access must be limited.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** *What kind of activity can I expect during construction?*

**A:** Construction activity will include removal of pavement, topsoil and excavation for road or ditch grading, general grading throughout the right of way, and deep utility excavations for the sanitary sewer and water mains and services. We acknowledge that construction activities can be lengthy and, at times, may appear to progress slowly. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated throughout this process, as they are essential to the successful completion of the project. Please be assured that the work will be completed, and maintaining a positive outlook will help make the construction period seem more manageable.

**Q:** *What will be done about construction dust?*

**A:** The contract provides for the Contractor to spread water on the road to help keep dust from creating an unsafe environment. However, this is an imperfect solution and will not solve the problem completely.

**Q:** *What will happen to the landscaping, retaining wall blocks, or planters that are near the road?*

**A:** The Contractor will remove any special landscaping located within the right-of-way. They are not required to protect items within the right of way or easement. If you wish to have items within the road right of way saved, please remove the items. The intent is to remove these features if they are within the project limits. The Contractor will not reinstall any landscaping removed from the right-of-way or easement areas.

**Q:** *What will happen to my irrigation/sprinkler system during construction?*

**A:** Due to nature of the project, it is anticipated there may be impacts to irrigation systems adjacent to project streets and trails. **Property owners who have an irrigation system are encouraged to mark their sprinkler heads and to contact one of our team members to notify them that you have an irrigation system near the roadway.** It may be necessary to temporarily remove a portion of your irrigation system within the public right-of-way or public easement area. In most cases, the City and Contractor will restore any damaged components to irrigation systems in conjunction with turf restoration work near the end of the project.

**Q:** *How will the turf areas disturbed by construction be restored?*

**A:** The Contractor will repair the disturbed areas of your yard/property with topsoil and sod, however seed is planned for areas that are not currently maintained or in front of undeveloped/empty lots. As the project progresses, it is essential that you water the new seed/sod regularly to help it establish. The Contractor is required to water and maintain the turf areas for 45 days after it has been placed to ensure growth. Most Contractors do this with a tanker truck which means water is applied quickly in one or two passes every few days. It is essential that you water the new seed/sod regularly after the contractor is done if you want a lush, green, well-established lawn.

**Q:** *What about my garbage and recycling during construction?*

**A:** You will continue to place your garbage and recycling containers at the usual location as normal until further notice. The General Contractor will collect and get them as necessary to a location the garbage and recycling company can dispose of the items. Please place your bins near the street the night before pick up so that the contractor can relocate them at the start of their day. If moved, Contractor will then bring your container back to your regular location. **Please mark your address number and street on your container.**

**Q:** *How will I receive my mail during construction (not applicable for PO boxes)?*

**A:** Mail will be delivered to a central location illustrated in the project location maps (pg. 2). Mail will be switched to these locations in groups as construction progresses. You will be notified by the postal service when your mail is switched from your existing mailbox to the temporary location. Additional communication will be provided prior to this change for residents along the other project roadways. A mailbox cluster for Brentwood Circle will be placed on Brentwood Drive west of Brentwood Circle and a mailbox cluster for the Lynndale Area neighborhood will be placed on Clearwater Road east of Lynndale Drive.

## URGENT IMMEDIATE ATTENTION NEEDED Special Information

It is very important that anyone who may need special consideration related to access or has mobility limitations or disability contact us as soon as possible. We would like to understand this so we can coordinate with emergency response organizations to locate any properties that may require special consideration so we are fully aware of the issues throughout construction and if quick response is needed to any specific property(s), there is a plan in place. Contact Neil Heinonen at 320.250.2090 or [nheinonen@sehinc.com](mailto:nheinonen@sehinc.com)



### Preservation of Construction Stakes and Utility Flags We need your help!

Please do not remove any wooden stakes you will see temporarily placed on the boulevards. These stakes are used by the Contractor to construct the project and are expensive to replace.

Also, please do not remove or relocate the colored utility location flags. These flags, in conjunction with the spray paint markings on the ground, are necessary for the Contractor to locate buried utilities. We understand these flags may be unsightly and difficult to mow around, but we need your help to protect the construction crews and residents/employees/patrons in your neighborhood.

Your help in keeping bystanders away from the construction area will ensure the project will progress safely.

## Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

**Q:** *Coordinating Sewer and Water Services (what are these green and blue stakes in my yard?)*

**A:** Our team members will be setting stakes for property owners to adjust as desired based on conversations with the contractor they choose to do their private connection work. The project team suggests residents reach out to a local contractor to discuss the best location for service stubs, and the best route for the service lines from the property line to their home. These contractors can answer specific questions related to your property. **See the list of Contractors** who are licensed and have been registered with the City. If you know a Contractor who is not on this list, please have them reach out to the City. This list is intended to help guide residents who may not know a Contractor.

We are placing stakes with green (sewer) or blue (water) ribbon at each property. The intent is for each property owner to seek input of the best location of the service stubs from the parties that would complete the installation to the home. Once the stub locations have been finalized, we are asking that you make a note on the stakes with your house number or some other marking to identify that you have set the stakes in a desirable location. After this is completed, please email one of our team members.

**Q:** *What impacts are expected with package deliveries as the project progresses?*

**A:** Coordinating delivery of packages (Fed Ex / UPS / USPS) has been a concern on previous projects. We will work with the parcel service companies on deliveries, but in some cases packages may need to be picked up at an alternate location. If you are having concerns with packages, reach out to Neil Heinonen or Shane Murphy (SEH).

**Q:** *Who do I contact if I have an invisible fence for my animal?*

**A:** If you have Invisible Dog Fences near the road or the edge of your property, please mark them with flags to notify the Contractor of their presence. In addition, notify staff onsite of any of these features. Please reach out to a representative from SEH to alert them of the presence of fences.

**Q:** *What if I want to complete additional paving for the portion of the driveway from the right of way to our home?*

**A:** As several residents have inquired about completing driveway work beyond the project limits. The paving subcontractor on this project is Anderson Brothers. We are providing the contact below if residents are interested in additional driveway work:

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