



Project Status

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Hello and welcome to the *Kabetogama Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment Project Status Update*. In this and later issues, we will be updating you periodically on the status of this project.

Happening Now

We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season! SEH looks forward to continuing our work on this project throughout the new year. Over the winter, we have been refining the preliminary designs for the proposed treatment sites and collection system, and preparing to complete additional fieldwork and data collection starting in the spring.

As part of this Project Status Update, we have included a Temporary Easement Form for each property owner to review and sign. This form will grant only temporary permission for essential work and data collection to be carried out on your property, which is crucial for progressing with the design of this project. We encourage all property owners to carefully review, sign, and return the temporary easement forms at your earliest convenience. Forms can be electronically signed, or physically signed, scanned, and emailed to: cbruce@sehinc.com. We will then forward to the Township to complete the signing process.

Work associated with the temporary easements is scheduled to mainly occur this spring through summer, contingent on weather conditions. However, the forms grant temporary permission over the next three years, as we may need to return in the future to collect additional information. Tasks include completing soil borings, soil sampling, and surveying. Taking soil borings will help us identify subsurface conditions of each property. This information will aid in the design of the proposed grinder stations and the piping to each property. Soil sampling is also necessary to complete the required archaeological study and work for the environmental review related to completing the project Facility Plan. Surveying will enable our team to map each property accurately and locate existing utilities, structures, and property pins. Further details about the timing of this work and the personnel involved will be provided in the next Project Status Update.

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The Facility Plan was successfully completed and submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on March 1, 2024. The MPCA reviewed the Facility Plan and granted preliminary approval in June 2024. We intend to finalize the archaeological study and environmental review required for the final approval of the Facility Plan during the spring/summer of 2025.

Upon approval of the Facility Plan by the MPCA, the project will qualify for funding through the Minnesota PFA (Public Facilities Authority), allowing us to proceed with the final design. This process may take some time. Updates on the project timeline will be provided as it develops.

Please look forward to additional project details in the upcoming Project Status Updates, and do not hesitate to reach out if you have further questions.

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