



September 13, 2022

Resident  
Address 1  
Address 2

Subject: Seeking Input on 90% Plans  
DeCola Ponds SEA School-Wildwood Park Flood Reduction Project  
City Project 20-27; BCWMC CIP Project BC-2,3,8,10

Dear Resident:

The Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) and the City of Golden Valley are working to finalize plans for the SEA School-Wildwood Park Flood Reduction Project in Golden Valley (see attached location map). This project serves to benefit the areas around DeCola Ponds D, E, and F by reducing flood levels and flood damages to nearby homes and infrastructure, improving public health and safety, reducing public liability and cost, and preserving economic value.

The project also provides a unique opportunity to invest in a neighborhood park and open space by improving water quality, increasing ecological diversity, enhancing wildlife habitat for pollinators like bees and butterflies, and creating educational and recreational opportunities.

We appreciate all the comments, ideas, and feedback you provided during the planning and engineering studies and design process to help guide the project team. Before finalizing the design, we'd like to share plans and engage with you once more in person or online.

- **In person**  
Informal Open House  
Thursday, September 29, 2022. Come anytime between 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm  
Brookview Golden Valley, 316 Brookview Pkwy S  
Valley Room
- **Online**  
On the City's project webpage you will find the project boards and plans for your review, along with a button for providing comments. Go to <https://bit.ly/3FJpv0s> or type "SEA School-Wildwood Park Flood Reduction Project" in the search bar on the City website. Please provide comments by October 7. All comments will be reviewed and carefully considered by the project team.

**What's New?**

You may recall seeing the revised 50% design plan presented in June 2022. The plan highlighted a collaborative effort between the City and Robbinsdale Area Schools to relocate and construct a new shared playground next to the school's athletic field. This collaboration was supported by the community and is essential to providing the flood storage needed to meet project goals. The 90% design provides more detailed grading and landscape plans, and refinement of the playground area and trail connections.

**Next Steps**

- The city and school district staff are working on the details and timing of the new playground installation (scheduled for summer 2023).
- School district staff will engage with students and the community on the design of the new playground over the next few months.
- The city is planning to bid and award the construction contract later this fall and may begin work as early as this winter.

If you would like this information translated into another language, do not have a computer or mobile device, or prefer to receive materials and submit comments by mail, please call 763-593-8030 for assistance. If you have any questions about the design process, the partnership with Robbinsdale Area Schools, or the DeCola Ponds long-term flood mitigation plan please contact me at [eeckman@goldenvalleymn.gov](mailto:eeckman@goldenvalleymn.gov) or BCWMC Administrator Laura Jester at [laura.jester@keystonewaters.com](mailto:laura.jester@keystonewaters.com) to set up a phone call.

Sincerely,



Eric Eckman  
Environmental Resources Supervisor

