

LIFT STATION SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROJECT NOVEMBER 2025 UPDATE

OVERVIEW

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services is undertaking sustainable landscape restoration projects at four sites in Bayport, Brooklyn Park, Eden Prairie, and Mound. The work includes replacing high-maintenance lawn and invasive plants with drought-tolerant turf, bee lawn, and Minnesota native grasses, flowers, trees, and shrubs. These landscapes need less water, reduce runoff, and provide a habitat for birds, bees, and butterflies. This project helps fulfill the Met Council's mission to improve water quality and ensure a sustainable water supply for the region.

All Sites

Final assessments of the landscape progress were conducted recently for all sites.

Cultivating a sustainable landscape with native plants takes a few years, and while the site may look undeveloped right now, the team will proactively manage weeds and invasives as plants become established. Please do not mow, spray or walk on the property. This can damage the maturing landscape. For your safety and the safety of construction crews, do not attempt to handle or move construction equipment.

Bayport

498 Maine St. S. (Lift Station 68)

An open house was held in October and neighbors were invited to learn about the sustainable landscape site. A final fall maintenance visit was conducted in October. This site will transition into long-term sustainable landscape maintenance in Spring 2026.

Brooklyn Park

4601 101st Ave. N. (Brooklyn Park Property)

A final fall maintenance visit was conducted in October. This site will transition into long-term sustainable landscape maintenance in Spring 2026.

Eden Prairie

10488 W. Riverview Drive (Blue Lake Siphon)

The island inside the security fencing was recently converted to rock instead of longer vegetation, which allows utility access for the Council operators. A final fall maintenance visit was conducted in October. This site will transition into long-term sustainable landscape maintenance in Spring 2026.

Mound

6270 Westedge Boulevard (Lift Station 38)

It was determined that the road edge (boulevard) bee lawn did not establish as planned per the project standards. The boulevard will be redone in spring with Bee Lawn seed mix, with establishment planned by mid-summer. For the remainder of the site, a final fall maintenance visit was conducted in October. The prairie and woodland portions will transition into long-term sustainable landscape maintenance in Spring 2026.

FUTURE WORK

This is the third year of the sustainable landscapes establishment and all sites are transitioning into long-term maintenance in Spring 2026. Check the website for the most recent update:

www.metrocouncil.org/SustainableLandscapes. Please reach out to MCESNativeLandscapes@wsbeng.com with any questions.

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