

# Interceptor Site Native Landscape Restoration

**Project Update: July 14, 2023**

*Restoration activities and schedules are subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen events.*

## Overview

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (ES) is undertaking sustainable landscape restoration projects at four interceptor sites in Bayport, Brooklyn Park, Eden Prairie, and Mound. Work includes replacing high-maintenance lawn and invasive plants with native plants and trees that are Minnesota nice – friendly to birds, pollinators, and improving water quality. This project helps fulfill ES's environmental and sustainability goals and guidelines for the region.

## Restoration Activities

Given the dry weather this past spring, the seed mix may lay dormant for a longer period of time but will germinate when conditions are good for doing so.

**10488 W Riverview Dr., Eden Prairie (Blue Lake Siphon):** Since the last update, plans to install additional fencing along the boulevard were made. In the weeks ahead, the fence will be installed, and monthly vegetation management and additional bee lawn seeding will occur. Trees are now scheduled to be planted in the fall during optimal planting conditions. Removal of bio logs is scheduled in the fall when the site vegetation is established.

**4601 101<sup>st</sup> Ave. N., Brooklyn Park (Brooklyn Park Property):** Since the last update, there have been no significant changes or work done to the site. Trees are now scheduled to be planted in the fall during optimal planting conditions. Monthly vegetation management will take place in the coming weeks.

**6270 Westedge Blvd., Mound (Lift Station 38):** Since the last update, the final tree trimming on the north fence line was completed. The final areas of native seeding were completed in late May and monthly vegetation management began in June. The rain garden and spillway are scheduled to be installed July-August. Removal of bio logs is scheduled in the fall when the site vegetation is established.

**498 Maine Street S, Bayport (Lift Station 68):** Since the last update, there have been no significant changes or work done to the site. Mulch will be laid on site towards the middle of July. Native shrubs are now scheduled to be planted in the fall during optimal planting conditions. These will partially conceal the lift station building and continue to mature in the coming years.

## Safety Reminder

It is important to be mindful of restoration. Please do not attempt to enter or cross interceptor sites during restoration. For your safety and the safety of construction crews, do not attempt to handle or move construction equipment.

## Future Work

ES will plan to provide project updates on restoration work every other month through the summer and into the fall. Check the website for the most recent project updates.

## Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact us.

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