Construction Update – August 10, 2021

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) is restoring equipment and facilities at its St. Croix Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant in Oak Park Heights that were damaged by a fire in 2018. Temporary repairs were made shortly after the fire to keep the treatment plant fully operating. This work is providing permanent restoration.

Fire restoration is nearly complete in half of the damaged rooms. We expect new odor control blowers and components to arrive at the plant by mid-September after pandemic-related material shortages delayed the manufacturing process. We have completed about 65 percent of the work and anticipate completing the restoration project in approximately June 2022. Among completed work was replacement of odor-neutralizing carbon material in the existing odor control system. Most of the work is occurring inside the treatment plant’s Odor Control Building and includes:

- Cleaning and coating of floors, walls, and ceilings.
- Replacing HVAC, odor control, lighting, fire alarm, and sump pump systems.
- Repairing plumbing and restrooms.
- Modifying the electrical system.

We are upgrading eight separate systems, and each system will begin operating as the work is completed on it. We will switch over to the new odor control system in early 2022.

The wastewater treatment plant has remained in full operation during the construction.

The St. Croix Valley Plant treats wastewater for the cities of Oak Park Heights, Stillwater, and Bayport. The plant treats approximately 3 million gallons of wastewater daily and discharges the resulting clean water to the St. Croix River. The plant is located northeast of the intersection of Highway 36 and Highway 95, just south of the Sunnyside Condominiums.

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