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.

We have completed about 60 percent of the work. Delays in getting new equipment have pushed our anticipated completion from spring 2021 to summer 2021. Among completed work was replacement of odor-neutralizing carbon material in the existing odor control system. We will switch over to the new odor control system in summer 2021.

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.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the treatment plant has remained in full operation and the restoration work has continued. We have restricted plant access to essential workers only. We conduct daily temperature checks and health screenings for plant staff and contractors to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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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