St. Croix Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant Restoration Project

Construction Update – May 14, 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.

We have had some unexpected equipment delays, but work has resumed. We have **completed about 60 percent of the work** and anticipate completing the restoration project in April 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.

Electrical work will begin this June and we plan to begin installing equipment in the new odor control system in July. 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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