

St. Croix Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant Restoration Project

Construction Update – November 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.

Starting around Nov. 15, we will begin replacing the three blowers in our odorous air treatment system. While each blower is replaced, it could decrease odor treatment effectiveness for short periods of time. There will always be at least one blower in operation. We do not expect this to affect the surrounding community, but unforeseen weather conditions with higher temperatures could affect odor treatment. We factored that in by scheduling this work for fall. We expect all new blowers to be in use by mid-December 2021. Some final smaller installations and painting work will continue through project completion in approximately April 2022.

We have **completed about 80 percent of the work** and anticipate full completion in approximately April 2022. Most of the work is occurring inside the treatment plant's Odor Control Building and includes:

- Replacing fire damaged HVAC, odor control, lighting, fire alarm, sump pump systems, and paint coatings
- Repairing plumbing, restrooms, and electrical systems.

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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