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Dear Resident:

The upcoming stormwater improvement at Erickson Park will begin late August – early September of 2021. The selected contractor is Rachel Contracting, LLC.

Planned improvements include:

- The low pond area will be dredged to remove excess sediments that have accumulated over the decades. The sediment testing revealed that the area contains Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs). The PAHs are common urban pollutants from asphalt-based or coal tar-based sealants. The current concentration of PAHs in Erickson Park require disposal of the dredged material at a lined landfill. The pond excavation and expansion will help improve water quality in Erickson Park and downstream.
- The existing pollinator native garden area on the northern portion of the Park will remain. Following the pond expansion and clean out, new trees, shrubs, and pollinator-friendly perennials will be planted to further enhance and compliment the Park. Because the project will improve water quality draining to Farquar Lake, the City leveraged significant grant funding from the state's Clean Water Fund and the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization. These partnerships and grant funds help offset City resources utilized for the project.

Please find more project information on the City of Apple Valley website: www.ci.apple-valley.mn.us – and search “Erickson Park”. The City will periodically post construction notices at this Project website or you may “OPT IN” to receiving emails as the construction progresses. **Please respond to the email address listed below to “OPT IN” to construction notices for Erickson Park Stormwater Improvements.**

Signs will be placed at trail entrances to pre-warn users when the trails are closed for their safety. The City looks forward to a successful project. If you have any questions, please call (952) 953-2425 or email pubworks@applevalleymn.gov

Sincerely,

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