



# CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL

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Dear Resident,

The City of West St. Paul is home to about 40 water bodies/storm ponds. Currently, the City contracts to treat five of those ponds (Mud Lake Pond, Richard Circle Pond, Edgewood Lane Pond, Duck Pond, and Humboldt Ave Pond) for cattails, algae and the like. It has been determined that this pond treatment program will change to reduce the public expenditure allocated to pond treatment.

Ponds historically in the treatment program have included Mud Lake, which is treated strictly for control of cattails. Richard Circle, Edgewood Lane, Duck Pond and Humboldt Avenue ponds are treated for control of submerged aquatic weeds, duckweed and algae.

This program has been in existence for at least 15 years in West St. Paul. Similar programs are not common elsewhere in the metro area. Given that these treatments have mostly aesthetic value, providing a unique benefit to owners of property in close proximity to these ponds, it is proposed that the City either eliminate future treatment, or in the alternative, provide a cost sharing opportunity to nearby property owners to continue the program.

For 2018, the City would propose a cost/split of the pond treatment with the surrounding properties. Enclosed, please find a map of the properties proposed to contribute to this program should it be continued. The cost per property to continue pond treatment for 2018 is projected at \$xxxxxx.

We are interested to learn if you are interested in continuing the treatment program for the pond in your area. Are intent is to determine if the program continues or not by February 1, 2018. It would be helpful if we would hear back from you prior to that date regarding your level of interest in continuing this program.

Please let us know if you are interested in continuing with pond treatments and assuming a partial cost of the program. Please direct your response and any questions to Dave Schletty, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, [dschletty@wspm.gov](mailto:dschletty@wspm.gov) or 651-552-4152.

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