



WHITE BEAR LAKE *a City of Lakes & Legends*
MINNESOTA

2018 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

TO: Residents in Project Areas 17-06, 18-01 and 18-06

FROM: Nate Christensen

DATE: April 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Tree Removal
City Project Nos.: 17-06, 18-01 and 18-06

As part of the upcoming 2018 Street Reconstruction Project, the City will be removing a boulevard tree near your home. Although we strive very hard to preserve all healthy trees in our urban forest, there are a handful of trees on this year's street reconstruction project that are unavoidable and must be removed. The primary reason for the removal is due to the close proximity to the road. The tree would not survive the damage it would have sustained from the construction process.

During preliminary design, we anticipated some trees may have to be removed. Now that the final design is complete, the Engineering Department was able to make a final determination on which specific trees will need to be removed. We will be marking these trees with a pink ribbon to be sure the contractor removes the correct trees, which is anticipated to take place during the upcoming weeks, possibly as soon as April 30th.

If you are interested in replacement trees, the City will plant up to two (2) new boulevard trees for every tree removed. Attached is a form listing the options for replacement tree species. If you would like new trees planted, please fill out the attached form ranking your 1st, 2nd and 3rd species preference and return the form to the Engineering Department by **Friday, May 25, 2018**. In order to promote a resilient tree population, the City is actively seeking to increase the species diversity of the tree canopy. Sugar Maples in particular are overabundant and represent a disproportionate amount of the White Bear Lake tree population. For this reason, the Engineering Department reserves the right to limit the amount of Sugar Maples and residents are encouraged to select alternative species.

We will be in contact with you later in the summer to identify the locations of the replacement trees. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 651-429-8531.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.