



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

MINNESOTA

## 2019 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

**TO:** 2230 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
2346 7<sup>th</sup> Street

**FROM:** Nate Christensen, Civil Engineer

**DATE:** May 8, 2019

**SUBJECT: Tree Removal**  
**City Project No.: 19-01**

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As part of the 2019 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. We will be connecting your water service to the watermain on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. To do so, your boulevard tree must be removed.

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.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> species preference and return the form to the Engineering Department by **Friday, May 24, 2019**. 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.