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Dear Neighbor:

We are writing to share an update on the sidewalk and Natural Drainage System (NDS) improvements planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Sidewalk and Natural Drainage System project. The project reached final design and we are working to secure easement agreements with property owners and hiring a contractor to build the sidewalk and drainage improvements. These steps will last through the end of this summer and into the fall.

We wrote property owners earlier in the year to let you know we secured funding to design and build this project. We would like to assure you this project is still moving forward as planned, but with construction now planned to start in the spring of 2018. This timeline allows for the “planting window” to occur during the fall of 2018.

### **Project background – What’s happening?**

The project will include a new sidewalk, partial curb and gutter, and natural drainage systems along the east side of 30th Ave NE between NE 130th and NE 137th streets. These additions will make it safer, easier, and more pleasant to walk along 30th Ave NE by replacing the existing dirt path with a new sidewalk. Additionally, the NDS features will help reduce polluted runoff and improve the water quality in nearby Thornton Creek.

*Figure 1. Example of current street conditions from Google Streetview*



*Figure 2. Sample of new sidewalk and natural drainage system*



It’s important to us to make sure the sequencing of construction is best for both the project and residents in the neighborhood. We understand that many residents will be disappointed that construction has been pushed back, but we determined that winter construction may cause delays that would cause the project to miss the planting window, which ends on April 30. Missing this deadline would mean crews would return in the fall to do the landscaping, causing further disruption to residents. The updated construction timeline allows us to plant during the fall of 2018, which is a good time of year for landscaping. It also results in a shorter construction period, minimizing the disruptions to the neighborhood.

Careful planning is important to ensure the project becomes a valuable and sustainable asset to your community. We appreciate your patience. We likely won’t be reaching out again until work starts in the spring of 2018, but we will continue to keep you updated on this project should anything arise before the construction begins.

### **We would like your input!**

We encourage you to reach out with questions, comments, or concerns about this project. To ensure we have your current contact information, **please let me know how best to reach you** using the information listed below.

Sincerely,

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