



7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427

October 27, 2017

CURRENT RESIDENT
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55427

Subject: Feasibility Study for DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project
Informational Open House on November 9th

Dear Resident/Property Owner:

The City of Golden Valley and the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission invite you to attend an informational open house meeting for the DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project Feasibility Study. As shown on the attached map, the areas around DeCola Ponds B and C are being considered for expansion of flood storage to help alleviate a flooding problem within the watershed.

For more information about the flooding problem and the comprehensive flood mitigation plan approved by the cities of Golden Valley, New Hope, and Crystal in 2016, please visit: <http://www.goldenvalleymn.gov/stormwater/medicine-lake-rd-and-decola-ponds-flood-mitigation-project.php>, or contact Golden Valley Engineering staff at 763-593-8030.

The purpose of the open house is to share information and gather input from you to help identify concerns and assist in developing concept plans for a future project. Meeting details are as follows:

***DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project
Feasibility Study
Informational Open House (no presentation)
Thursday, November 9, 2017
Anytime between 5 and 7:30 pm***

***Location:
Council Chambers, Golden Valley City Hall
7800 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55427***

While the expansion of flood storage will involve excavation and tree removal within Pennsylvania Woods, one of the goals of the study is to protect and preserve the high quality hardwood trees.

In addition to preserving significant hardwood trees, the goals of the DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project include:

- Reducing flood damages to nearby homes and businesses
- Improving public safety by reducing flooding on Medicine Lake Road
- Improving water quality
- Diversifying and enhancing wetland and upland vegetation and wildlife habitat
- Addressing issues in the park including invasive species (buckthorn), bank erosion, volunteer tree growth and dead trees and branches that contribute to recurring blockage of pond outlets
- Improving park user experience including recreation and educational opportunities

The DeCola Ponds B and C Improvement Project is identified as a capital project in the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) capital improvement program. Construction of the project is scheduled for 2019 and 2020. However, before the project can be considered for construction, the study is being completed to better understand and evaluate the conditions, costs, and potential concept alternatives.

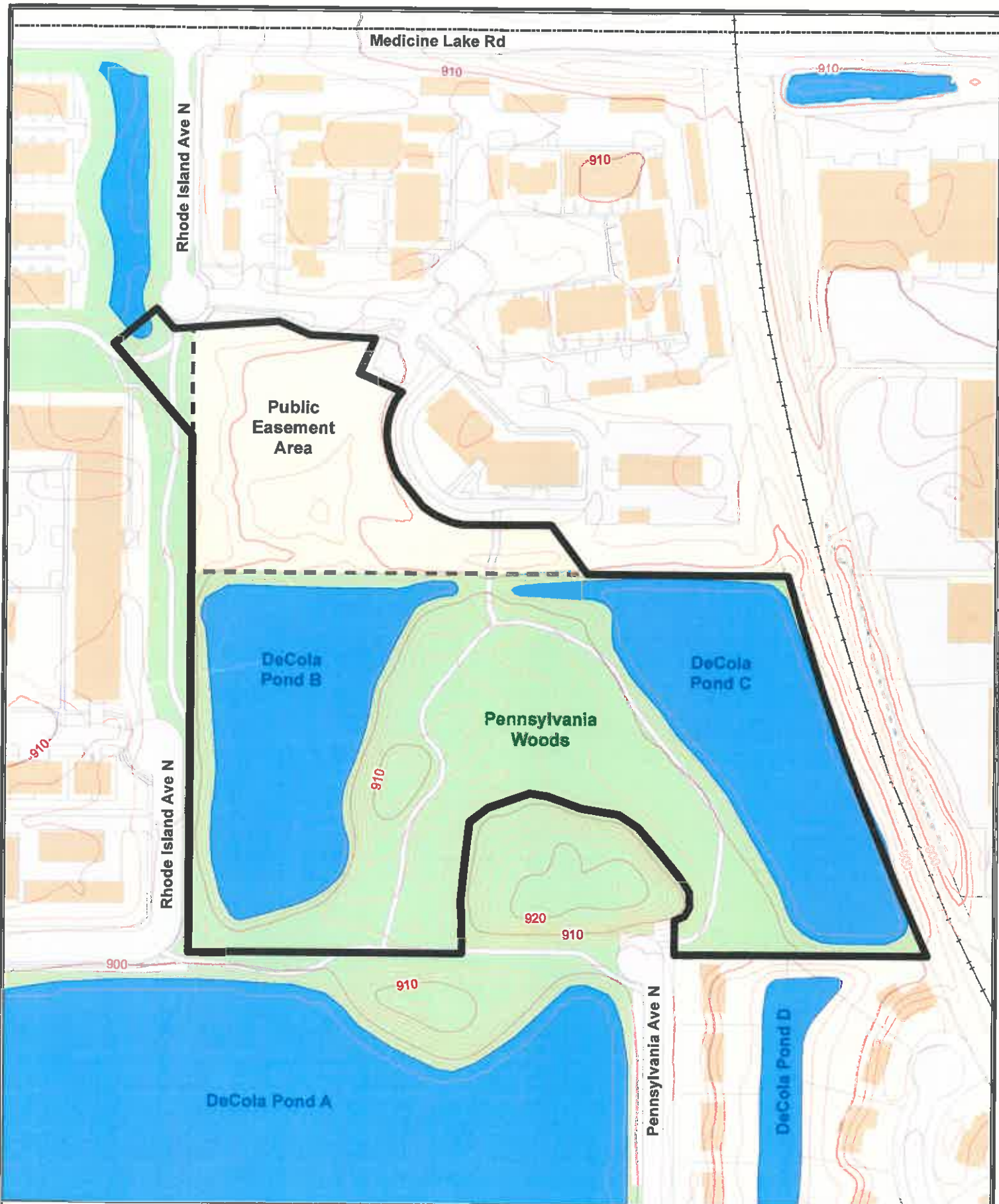
Staff from the City of Golden Valley, the BCWMC, and its engineer, Barr Engineering, will be attending the open house in hopes of gathering information from you. This is a great opportunity to provide valuable input to help guide the study and future project.

Please feel free to share this invitation with others that may be interested. Also, feel free to call me at 763.593.8084 if you have any questions or if you are unable to attend and would like more information about the study. Materials from the open house will be available on Golden Valley's website following the meeting. A second open house will be held in spring 2018 to gather feedback on the concept alternatives developed over the winter.

Sincerely,



Eric Eckman
Project Manager



Feasibility Study Area
DeCola Ponds B & C Improvement Project

