

July 3, 2003

Dear Resident:

You are receiving this letter in response to a request that was made at the February 5, 2003 Park Board meeting to notify the Hilloway Park neighborhood of the progress made concerning park renewal. At that meeting, the Park Board approved the concept plan and recommended it be forwarded to the City Council for final approval.

A resident requested clarification of the plans to restore the natural resources of the park. The restoration and long-term management of the natural areas in the park will continue to be handled through the Natural Resource Stewardship Program (NRSP) that began in 1995. Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (AES) assisted in creating the program and has provided standard restoration specifications for most ecological systems found in Minnetonka. As most of you are aware, the pine plantation in Hilloway Park is not a common system that was originally addressed. AES has developed a restoration plan for Hilloway Park, including the pine plantation, which will be sustainable into the future through the NRSP. Upon approval by the Park Board and the City Council, restoration work for Hilloway Park will be scheduled along with additional citywide NRSP projects.

The Park Board will review the restoration plan for Hilloway Park at their August 6 meeting. The plan is available for review online at www.eminnetonkaparksrenewal.com.

If you do not have access to the website, a paper copy can be mailed to you by contacting the Recreation Services department at 952.939.8203 and requesting that one be mailed to you.

If you have additional questions contact Perry Vetter @ pvetter@eminnetonka.com or at 952.939.8316.

Sincerely,

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