



## Headwaters Park/Gray's Bay Dam Renewal Update

*July 1, 2004*

### **Old boat launch area**

The city of Minnetonka will be regrading the area at Headwaters Park near the old boat launch site, between the dam and the access to the canoe launch. The existing bank will be graded to provide a more gradual slope to the bay. Reshaping of the retention basins will also occur. The equipment used to do this work will be minimal, but there will be trucks hauling dirt to the area. This work will begin in early July and take two to three days to complete, dependent upon the weather.

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### **Shoreline restoration work**

Beginning in mid-July, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) will begin a shoreline restoration project. This work will stabilize the banks, and improve water quality, habitat and aesthetics. It will serve as a demonstration project for alternative shoreline stabilization methods.

Due to the nature of construction, the canoe launch will be closed for about four weeks. The turn-around area will remain open to minimize use of private driveways for turning around. Signs will note alternative canoe launch areas at Jidana Park and Burwell Park. Some areas may be fenced off for varying time periods. Plantings will be completed by fall, and seeding and final stabilization of the site will be completed by the spring.

Once the work is done, a naturalized shoreline will allow passive recreation uses and limit access to the water. Visit the MCWD website at [www.minnehahacreek.org](http://www.minnehahacreek.org) for more information.

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### **Proposed projects to be discussed at August 4, 2004 Park Board meeting**

The Minnetonka Park Board will review the Headwaters Park master plan on August 4, 2004. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Minnetonka City Council Chambers, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard. Public comments are welcomed.

#### **Trail**

As residents know, a trail loop in this area has been part of the city's master trail plan for over 15 years. Recent private development projects northeast of Gray's Bay have now made this loop possible. Public trails through the two new private developments and along public streets will be constructed north and south of McGinty Road West. The proposal for a specific trail alignment through Headwaters Park will be presented at the August Park Board meeting. The trail south of the park through the neighborhood is proposed to be on the street. A concept plan will be available on the city's website prior to the meeting at [www.eminnetonkaparksrenewal.com](http://www.eminnetonkaparksrenewal.com).

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#### **Dam improvements**

The MCWD will make aesthetic enhancements to the Gray's Bay dam. The city is considering a separate pedestrian bridge adjacent to the dam as part of the Headwaters Park master plan and loop trail system.

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