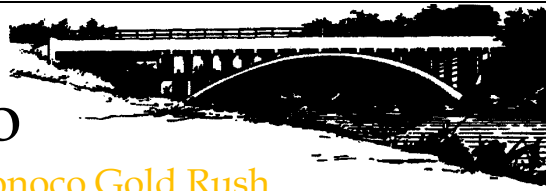


# City of Oronoco

Home of Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush



February 10, 2023

**Reference: Resident Construction Status Update No. 18:  
Oronoco Wastewater Treatment, Sewer Collection System & Water Distribution Project**

**Review of recent construction:**

Over the past month, Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking has been working when the weather permits. During this time, the contractor:

- Installed gravity sanitary sewer piping and associated structures in Riverwood Hills Park and in Garden Park.
- Completed installation of effluent outfall piping between the river and 100th St NW / CR 112.
- Installed riverbank stabilization improvements at the Zumbro River located east of Cedar Woodlands 2<sup>nd</sup> Subdivision.
- Has been working to construct the forcemain sewer piping along Minnesota Ave S between 100<sup>th</sup> St NW / CR 112 and Cedar Center Ave SE.
- Installed forcemain pipe fittings and a valve east of the intersection of 3rd Street SE at 2nd Avenue SE.
- Installed sanitary pipe and structures in the field west of 2nd Ave SE and north of Advanced Building Center.
- Began installing sanitary sewer piping on Cedar Point Rd SE from Minnesota Ave S to Cedar Center Ave SE.
- Currently in the process of installing Lift Station 4 south of Cedar Point Ln SE.

**Work planned over the next month and associated traffic, roadway access, and service impacts are summarized below.** Note: The tentative work schedule provided by the contractor is subject to weather conditions and construction progress and may change without notice. [See attached figure for additional information.](#)

1. Construction of utilities directly impacting existing roadway pavements has been suspended for this winter construction season. Construction of utility improvements outside of paved roadways will continue throughout the winter months. All roadway and driveways disturbed by construction to date have been reconstructed through bituminous base.
2. Fitzgerald crews plan to continue work in Riverwood Hills Park in southwest Oronoco. This work involves installation of gravity sanitary sewer and manhole structures.
3. Fitzgerald crews will continue to install sanitary sewer forcemain piping in the west ditch of Minnesota Ave S, between Cedar Center Ave SE and 2nd Ave SE. Please note that a minor roadway lane offset is being used to protect the contractor. No traffic delays are anticipated.
4. Fitzgerald crews will install sewer manholes in the east ditch at the corner of Minnesota Ave S and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE.
5. Fitzgerald crews will install sanitary sewer piping on the south side of Cedar Point Rd SE from Cedar Center Ave SE to Cedar Point Ln SE.
6. Crews will either horizontal drill or open trench install sanitary sewer piping in the utility easement between the Cedar Point Ln SE and Norman Ln SE cul-de-sacs to newly installed Lift Station 4.
7. A crew will install sanitary sewer pipe east of Minnesota Ave S across from Oronoco Self Storage.

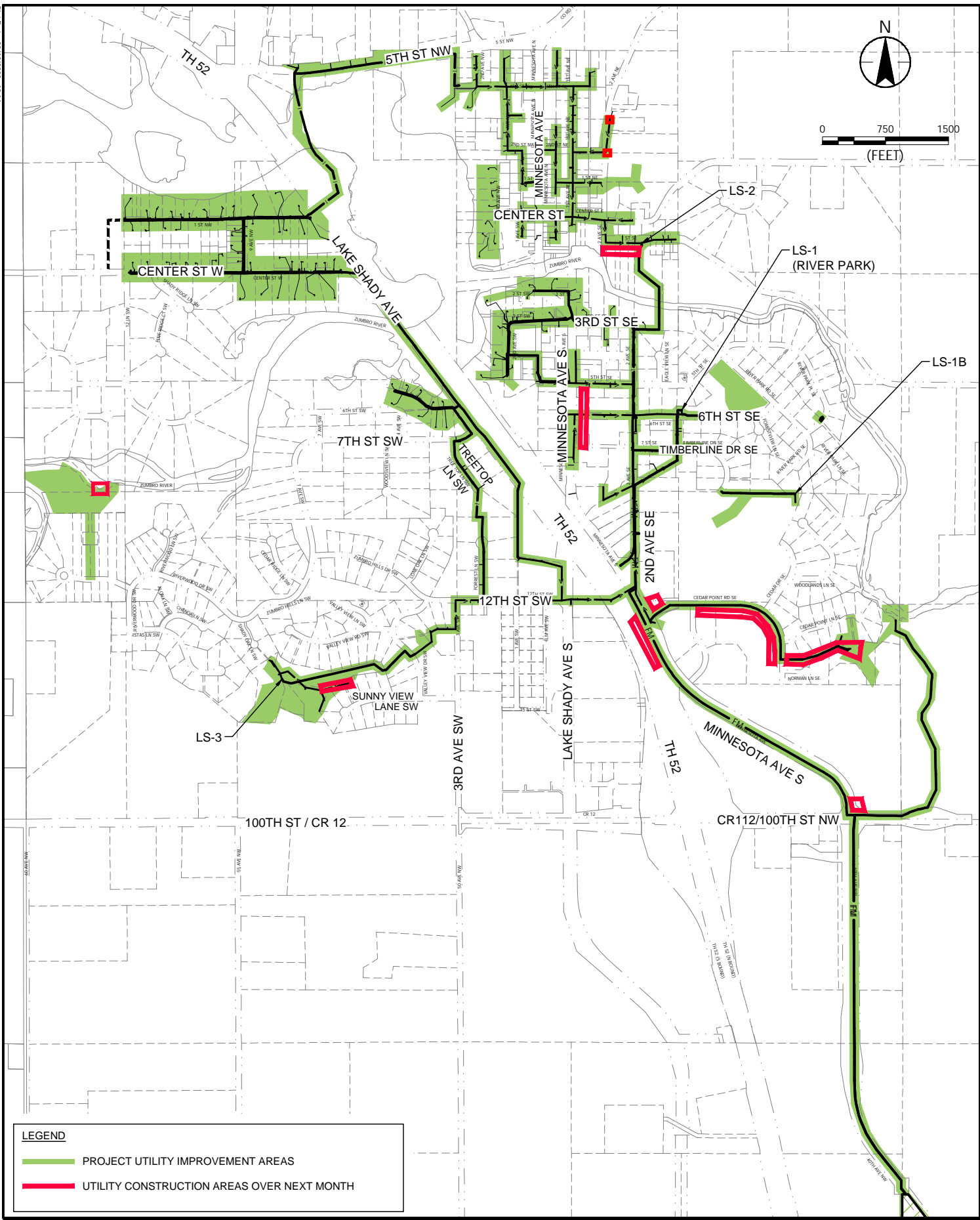
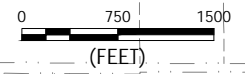
8. A crew will repair minor erosion a one spot on the riverbank stabilization at Riverbend Estates.
9. Crews will install sanitary sewer pipe in a field southeast of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant to Oronoco Estates.
10. Sanitary sewer manholes will be installed in the boulevard area of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE were gravity sewer main was horizontally directional drilled last fall.
11. Fitzgerald crews will continue work in Garden Park in northeast Oronoco. This work involves installation of gravity sanitary sewer and manhole structures west of Lift Station #2.
12. The removal of miscellaneous trees that will be impacted by sewer construction this upcoming construction season is planned prior to March 31. Trees scheduled to be removed will be marked with pink ribbon a week before removal. Please call City Engineer Joe Palen (507) 529-6036 if you have any questions.
13. Continued material deliveries to construction work areas will periodically occur. Expect truck traffic and periodic delays as materials are unloaded.
14. School Bus Coordination – An informational letter was sent out on August 25, 2022. Questions about Rochester school bus routes and stops can be emailed to Michael Pearse at [michael.pearse@firstgroup.com](mailto:michael.pearse@firstgroup.com). Questions about Pine Island school bus routes and stops can be emailed to Lisa Swanson at [lswanson@pineisland.k12.mn.us](mailto:lswanson@pineisland.k12.mn.us).

The City and construction team recognizes this project will temporarily impact and inconvenience many residents during the construction of the critically important sewer and water improvements. Construction traffic, access constraints & delays, use of alternate access routes, dust, and muddy streets are all unfortunate realities associated with this type of construction. The City of Oronoco and its Contractors sincerely appreciate resident cooperation and your patience as we work together to complete this project.

Resident construction status updates will be posted on the City's website, emailed directly to residents who have provided their email address to the City, and printed for pickup at temporary mailbox stands located in construction areas. To facilitate enhanced dissemination of the update to residents, we ask that residents sign up for email updates by sending an email to [Oronococonstruction@gmail.com](mailto:Oronococonstruction@gmail.com). In addition to this update, the City has prepared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that addresses common resident construction related questions and is also available on the City's website. Questions about the contents of the construction status update or about the project in general can be directed to the City's Engineer Joe Palen at either 507.529.6036 or [joseph.palen@stantec.com](mailto:joseph.palen@stantec.com).

Questions or concerns about construction activities, driveway or roadway access, service interruptions or safety can be directed to Fitzgerald Excavating and Trucking Staff: Project Manager Gary Richter - (507) 208-0473 or Project Foreman Joe Fogarty (507) 517-8512.

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**LEGEND**

- PROJECT UTILITY IMPROVEMENT AREAS
- UTILITY CONSTRUCTION AREAS OVER NEXT MONTH

CITY OF ORONOCO                      UTILITY CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS  
 WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM & WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS



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