

****IMPORTANT****

Please read and respond by February 24, 2025

January 30, 2025

<Your Address>

RE: Phase 1 - 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement Project
Blue Earth Light and Water
BMI Project No.: 24X.137021.000

Greetings,

Blue Earth Light and Water (BELW) plans to complete a water service replacement project in 2025. This will be the first in a series of projects, intended to remove identified lead and galvanized services within the water system. **You are receiving this letter because we have identified a lead or galvanized service line going to your property at <your address> either through past construction, old records, or by visual inspection.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) are requiring communities to document all lead and galvanized water service lines in their system. It is also expected that these lead and galvanized services will need to be replaced over a 10-year span.

Your property is scheduled to be included in this summer's construction project. **Currently, there is funding available through the Minnesota Department of Health to help remove lead and galvanized water service lines. This funding will cover all external costs of replacing your water service from the property line to the meter in the house.** Interior finished work such as woodwork, tiling, carpeting, drywall, painting, etc. is not expected to be covered by the grant. However, interior finished work is less common where water service lines enter a home. While this funding benefits residents, it must go through the public water system (BELW). For this reason, BELW has partnered with Bolton & Menk, Inc., and are taking a proactive approach by offering this opportunity to you.

We will be holding an informational meeting in the Atrium Area at the Blue Earth Ag Center, 415 Grove St, February 20, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This meeting is intended to provide residents affected by the project with an opportunity to learn about the project and ask questions in an informal setting. We plan to discuss the project scope and regulations regarding lead and galvanized service replacements.

Following the informational meeting, BELW and Bolton & Menk staff would like to meet with you at your residence. This site visit will consist of the following:

1. Review and collect Water Service Replacement Agreement included in this mailing

This form is the legal documentation that you would like to participate in this project. This form outlines the requirements of participation and provides your approval to perform work on your property.

2. Review onsite conditions

We will review and take photos of where your water service comes into your home. From this information, we will review different replacement options.

We kindly ask for your help and participation as we are working through the details of this project.

Please fill out the necessary information at the bottom of this letter and return using one of the following three ways listed below by February 24th, 2025.

- Complete the online version by scanning the QR code below.
- Mail the form to Blue Earth Light & Water: 125 7th Street, Blue Earth, MN 56013.
- Scan and email the form to benjamin.rosol@bolton-menk.com.

This funding is a great opportunity for residents as *all or most costs* will be covered through this grant. The funding is only guaranteed for your property at this time. If we do not get a response from you, or you choose not to participate in this project, you may miss this funding opportunity and be required to replace your lead water service at your own expense later.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please reach out to me or Ben Rosol at the contact information listed below. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Tim Stoner

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Sincerely,

Ben Rosol

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Enclosure: Blue Earth Light & Water, Water Service Replacement Agreement

Please check either box and provide your contact information below:

Yes, I am interested in participating in this project.

*No, I do not want to participate in this project, and I understand I may be required to replace my lead or galvanized service at my own expense later.

**If we do not receive a response by February 24, 2025, these conditions will apply to your property*

Property Address with Lead or Galvanized Service: _____

Signature _____ **Printed Name** _____ **Date** _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

Signature _____ **Printed Name** _____ **Date** _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____