

## Project Update / Status

The City of Blue Earth has successfully bid and awarded the Riverside Heights project to Holtmeier Construction out of Mankato, MN. Holtmeier has performed many street reconstruction projects in town over the past 10 years and is familiar with local staff. In addition to their own staff, Holtmeier Construction will employ several subcontractors for the project.

## Project Website

A website is now available to provide updates and information about the project. On the website, you will be able to sign up for email or text notifications with project updates. Newsletters and email updates throughout the project will be provided through this website. A link to this website will also be on the City of Blue Earth's website.

[www.blueearthconstructionprojects.com](http://www.blueearthconstructionprojects.com)

## Gas Relocate

CenterPoint Energy finished relocating their gas mains on Tuesday, May 19th. This utility work is separate from the street project and is being completed in advance to prepare for upcoming construction. A separate gas service crew will be in town over the next couple of weeks to finish their project. If you have any questions related to this work, please reach out to **Wyatte Chaffee at 612-321-4509 or [wyatte.chaffee@centerpointenergy.com](mailto:wyatte.chaffee@centerpointenergy.com)**

## Tree Removal Work

Holtmeier's tree subcontractor, Suemnick Tree Service, plans to begin removals the week of June 1st. Trees scheduled for removal as part of the project will be marked with pink paint or ribbon by May 29th. Several residents have also asked about removing trees on private property. Suemnick Tree Service is interested in performing this work as well. If you would like additional trees removed from your property, please text Brian a photo of the tree and your address by May 27th. He will then follow up with pricing estimate directly to landowner.

**Brian Suemnick (507) 317-4323**

## Anticipated Schedule

The anticipated phasing plan has changed some from what was presented in December of 2025.



### Phase 1: Pond Construction, Lift Station, Forcemain, and Site Entrance

- Crews will begin with the pond construction and utility work outlined in Phase 1 beginning the middle of June.
- Holtmeier is anticipating closing Elm Boulevard from County Road 6 to Linden Lane the end of June. Before this happens, the temporary access road will be constructed and in use.
- The forcemain work will occur later this summer.



### Phase 2: Linden Lane from Elm Boulevard to Maple Drive

- Holtmeier plans to keep the existing sanitary sewer active while installing the new sanitary, which will allow them to begin Phase 2 work prior to the Lift Station being in operation.
- This work is expected to begin the Middle of July.



### Phase 3: Gravity sanitary sewer in field east of County Road 6

- Will occur late in the Fall once crops are out.



### Phase 4: Elm Boulevard from Linden Lane to Linden Lane (Timing is dependent on Phase 2)



### Phase 5: Linden Lane from Maple Drive to West Dead End (Timing is dependent on Phase 2 and 4)

*There is a chance that Phases 1 – 4 and even 5 get constructed this construction season. **Please note that schedules are subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen implications.** We will provide updates throughout the project to help keep residents informed.*

## Project Improvements



### Sanitary Sewer

- New 10" ID Forcemain from Wastewater Plant to Lift Station within Riverside Heights
- Lift Station with dual 15 HP submersible pumps
- New 8" PVC collection system with 6" PVC services to properties throughout development. The exact location of each service connection to existing piping will vary by household based on site conditions. In most cases, the connection will be made just upstream of the existing septic tank.
  - We have recently been informed by the MPCA that any work performed on private property is not eligible for PSIG grant funding, contrary to earlier expectations. Because most existing septic tanks are located on private property, their abandonment is no longer eligible for reimbursement under this program. However, since the failure of these septic systems initiated this project and the City has made commitments to residents as part of the annexation, the current plan is to proceed with proper abandonment of the septic tanks at no cost to property owners.
  - Sanitary service lines will not be replaced all the way to the home as part of this project. If you are interested in extending replacement of your sanitary service to your home, please contact Holtmeier for a cost estimate in the coming weeks. This additional work will not be part of the project.
- Properly abandon existing septic tanks – pump sewer out, puncture holes in bottom, fill with sand, file with County



### Watermain

- 12" watermain will be installed along the west ditch of CSAH 6 via another project in 2026.
- Connect to 12" watermain with new 6" PVC watermain.
- 1" PE services to properties throughout development. Location of service connection to existing pipes will vary per household based on existing conditions. Service installation will be performed with open cut and trenchless methods. The contractor will outline a replacement plan with you ahead of work being performed.
- Hydrants and valves will be installed throughout
- Properly cap existing wells
- Water meter installation inside each home



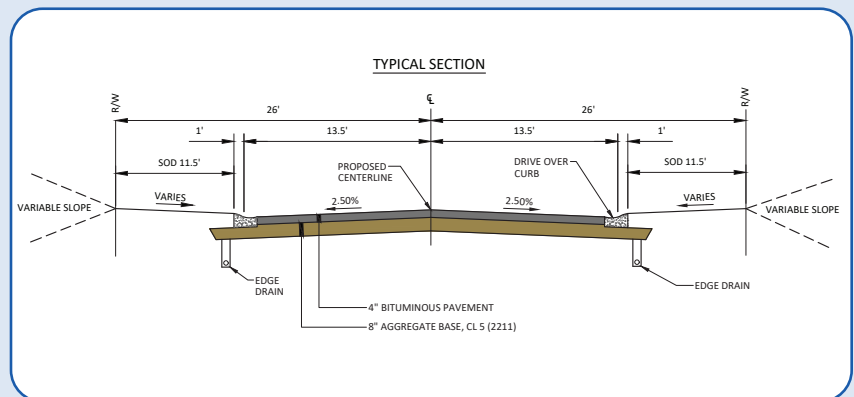
### Storm Sewer

- Wet Sedimentation Pond
- 12" – 30" RCP Pipe
- Concrete catch basins and manholes to catch surface water in street
- Additional intakes in boulevard for areas that cannot drain to street
- Storm stub out to Maple Drive for future



### Street

- 27' wide bituminous streets from face of curb to face of curb
- Drive over curb
- Edge Drain along back of curb. This will serve as subsurface drainage. There will also be stub outs to properties for residents to connect their sump pumps if desired.
- New concrete driveways to disturbed limits if it was existing concrete or bituminous. New 5' concrete aprons will be installed where gravel driveways exist.



**FIGURE:** Proposed typical section of the street repairs incorporated into this project

## Contact a Project Representative

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