

## Update on Andover private well investigation

This past summer, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) began sampling private residential wells in the Red Oaks neighborhood of Andover. Since that time, sampling of private wells has been ongoing to better understand the area of contamination discovered in groundwater.

The agencies will provide bi-monthly (every other month) updates to impacted residents. Timely updates will also be provided in the City of Andover's bi-monthly newsletter. Information can be found on the MPCA website at [www.pca.state.mn.us/andover](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/andover).

### Bottled water distribution

Due to a state contract requirement, Premium Waters will replace Culligan as the bottled water provider in early November. Premium Waters will contact current bottled water users to schedule delivery of new dispensers. The state contractor, Bay West, will pick up the old dispensers and return them to Culligan.

### Update on municipal water connection feasibility study

Bringing municipal water to the Red Oaks neighborhood in Andover is a process with many steps. The feasibility study for water main improvements was completed in October. This study is the first step in preparation to bring municipal water to the Red Oaks neighborhood. The next step is a survey of the area.

Next steps include:

- In early November, Red Oaks residents should expect to see survey crews around the neighborhood. This is the next step as the City of Andover explores connecting Red Oaks residents to municipal water. It is critical that the survey work occurs before snowfall. While the survey will mostly be along the area roadways, work will also be completed in front yard areas and will extend to the fronts of houses. The surveyors will also attempt to obtain the location of the wells on each property, which may require walking to the rear of the houses. The survey crews will use a drone flight to capture aerial imagery of the area as a part of the process.
- The drone flight will most likely occur during the second or third week of November.
- All survey work is anticipated to be completed by the end of November.

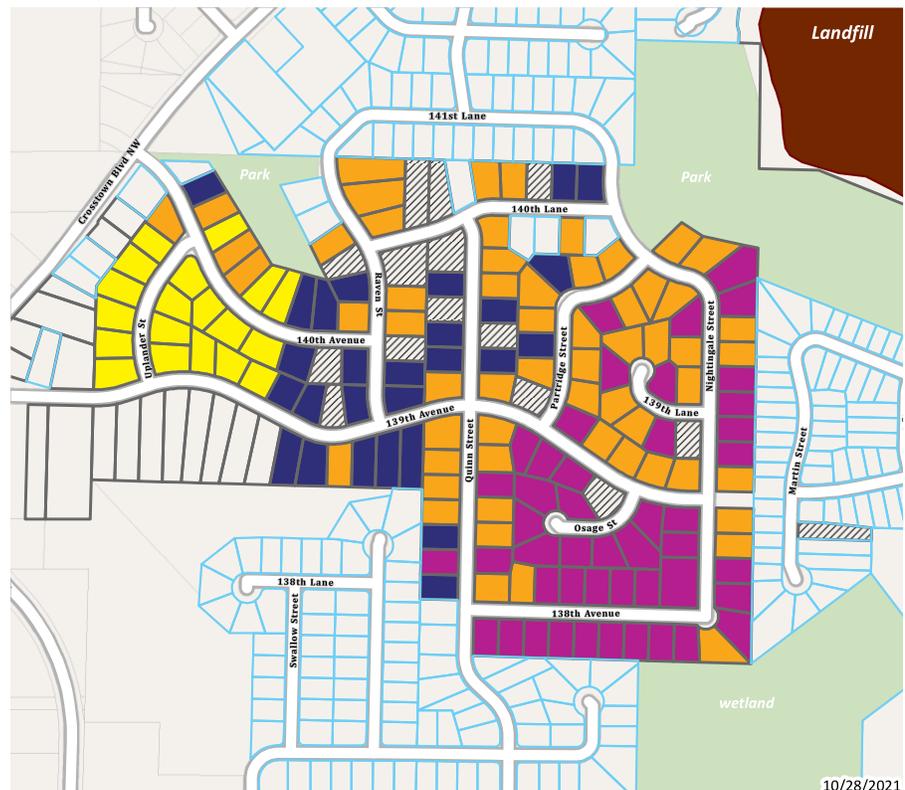
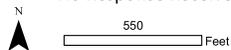
The feasibility study and survey provide information that is required as part of the project. Several planning steps remain as does working with local elected officials to request funding at the Legislature to be able to do the project.

## Where does the drinking water come from?

-  Property is connected to city water
-  Property not connected to city water

## What were the testing results?

-  Contamination above health based guidance
-  Detections at or below health based guidance
-  Contamination not detected
-  Sampling planned and/or results pending
-  Sampling Access Denied/ No Response Received



## Private well sampling update

As the MPCA continues to search for the edge of private well contamination, further expansion to the west continues. The study area will now include homes bordering Uplander St. and east of Uplander on the north side of 139th Ave. The MPCA began re-sampling private wells that are not currently receiving bottled water. This sampling is verification that these homes still have drinking water that has contaminant levels below the health-based values and is ok to drink. Please follow the instructions to sign and return the sampling permission forms when you receive them from the City of Andover.

## Office hours

The MPCA, MDH, and City of Andover will hold office hours at the Andover City Hall on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Office hours will also be held in December and January for residents who may not be able to make it in November. Stay tuned for dates in future communications.

The purpose of these office hours is to give residents the opportunity to talk to MPCA, MDH, and/or City staff in a one-on-one setting. Residents can ask questions and get answers individually from staff. MPCA, MDH, and City staff will attend in-person. Please wear a properly-fitting mask and observe social distancing at this event.

### Contact with questions

For questions about site activities, contact MPCA: John Hunter at [john.hunter@state.mn.us](mailto:john.hunter@state.mn.us)

For questions about health, contact Minnesota Department of Health's Site Assessment and Consultation Unit by phone at 651-201-4897 or by email at [health.hazard@state.mn.us](mailto:health.hazard@state.mn.us)