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MORE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR CITY OF KIMBALL ARE ON THE WAY

Kimball, MN – Stormwater from the City of Kimball is about to become a whole lot cleaner, thanks to a partnership between the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) and the City of Kimball, and funding from state agencies.

Stormwater from the City of Kimball drains into Willow Creek, a designated trout stream and important park space for the community. Before the projects, high-temperature stormwater runoff, laden with nutrients, drained untreated into Willow Creek. Trout don't like high-temperatures; and too many nutrients can cause algae blooms in downstream lakes. Too much algae can make swimming and fishing unpleasant. The City also struggles with small-scale flooding during storm events.

The CRWD and the City started working together in 2010 to solve these problem using two grants from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources through the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment.

The recent street improvements in the City were made even better with two new grant-funded stormwater treatment basins which remove nutrients and sediment. The project will alleviate some flooding by installing a new pipe in Hazel Avenue between Elm and Oak Streets to carry stormwater to new treatment basins.

The result is cleaner, colder stormwater entering Willow Creek, which is great for trout fishing, and for keeping our lakes fishable and swimmable! Construction is slated to begin in April of this year- as soon as it thaws. Local contractor Kuechle Underground, Inc. will construct stormwater treatment basins as soon as frost is out; they will start street work this summer.

Be sure to check in with the CRWD at their website (www.crw.org), as well as the City of Kimball's website (www.ci.kimball.mn.us) and the City's newsletter for more information as construction moves forward. Other information efforts will be underway as well for those businesses and residents adjacent to the construction area.