

Letter from Trustees of DD#37

April 26, 2022

Hello Landowners of DD37,

I want to update everyone on what is currently being done on the tree clearing project.

On April 21st Collin Klingbeil, the engineer from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc., walked the ditch between 290th Ave and 340th Street. Collin wanted to become familiar with the job needing done. I walked with him, and we were met by Adam and John Metcalf, Bill Gerdeman, and Gannett Swan. I think Collin gained a good grasp of what needs done.

Sometime in the near future there will be technicians from the engineering firm doing an inventory of the trees needing removal. Collin will direct them to which trees we want dealt with. This inventory will aid the contractors in giving us a bid for the job.

We have contacted the landowners whose property borders the ditch and have received input from them. We want to arrive at an outcome acceptable to the majority of landowners who are directly affected by the work.

We have discussed with the engineer that our first priority is the continued proper functioning of the drainage ditch. Collin understands we want to accomplish this in as economically efficient way as possible. To this end, Collin has as his task the removal of trees that have the ability to directly affect the functioning of the ditch at a high flow situation.

We have four groups of trees to deal with. One group is in the flow area of the ditch; all are in agreement these need removal. The second group are trees outside the ditch easement. These trees will only be dealt with if it is necessary to disturb them to get to the trees in group one. The third group of trees are those within the bounds of the easement but not affecting the functioning of the ditch. It is our intent to leave these standing in order to accomplish our goals with the least amount of expense. Again, some of these may need removal to get at the problem trees. The fourth group are trees growing over county tile lines; we intend to remove these trees as directed by the engineer.

Landowners whose property includes the ditch have the right to deal with the trees and spoil bank as they see fit, provided their actions don't adversely affect the functioning of the ditch.

Please ask any questions you may have,

Allen McGranahan, Trustee Chairperson