

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Stephanie Smith , City engineer
DATE: July 20, 2026
SUBJECT: Approve plans and specifications, order the improvement, and order the taking of bids for the Target Pond Improvement Project, CP 26-10A
ITEM NUMBER: 8.j
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To approve plans and specifications, order the improvement, and order the taking of bids for the Target pond improvement project, CP 26-10A.

INTRODUCTION

The city's 2026 capital improvement plan includes funding for stormwater improvement projects. The city contracted with an engineering consultant, KHA to develop plans and specifications for stormwater quality improvements at the city-owned pond near Target. Council action is required to approve the plans and specifications, order the improvement, and order the taking of bids.

DISCUSSION

The Target pond improvement project, CP26-10A will construct an iron-enhanced filtration system in the existing, city-owned pond that is east of Lexington Avenue, near Target. The existing sand filtration system receives runoff from the nearby paved surfaces and flows into Valentine Lake, which has been on the MPCA's impaired water list since 2002. The goal of this project is to provide additional water quality treatment before the stormwater gets to Valentine Lake, improving the lake's water quality and working toward removing it from the impaired waters list.

This project was budgeted for in the capital improvement plan for 2026 construction. Quotes were solicited, but all quotes received were in excess of \$175,000, requiring the project to be publicly bid. The estimated cost is \$370,000 for construction, engineering, administration and contingency costs. The Rice Creek Watershed District awarded a stormwater management grant of \$75,000 for the project. The remaining \$295,000 in funding will come from the city's surface water fund. The project will not include special assessments.

Plans and specifications are essentially complete and are available in the office of the city engineer. Due to the anticipated costs for the project, a public, lowest-qualified bidder process will be used to solicit and evaluate contractor bids. City council must order the advertisement for bids to begin this process.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the city council adopt the attached resolution 26-59 approving the plans and specifications, ordering the improvement and ordering the taking of bids for the Target Pond Improvement, city project 26-10A.

ATTACHMENTS

Target Pond Improvement Map
Resolution 26-59