

This Notice is regarding the proposed impacts to Elm Creek School Community Playfield in the City of Maple Grove as a result of the Trunk Highway 610 Design-Build project, and the pending determination that the proposed impact to Elm Creek School Community Playfield would be de minimis.

This project proposes to raise the grade of Revere Avenue, such that it will pass over the new Trunk Highway (TH) 610 lanes. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary to begin raising the roadway profile in the region bordering Elm Creek School Community Playfield. The structural (1:3) portion of the embankment slope resulting from this grade raise can be contained primarily within Mn/DOT Right of Way; however, this slope would infringe, up to approximately 25 feet, into Elm Creek School Community Playfield for a length of approximately 1250 square feet.

Secondly, an access 'route' will be constructed parallel to the TH 610 mainline to provide emergency and other access to Great River Energy's (GRE) high voltage power lines that run along the north side of the freeway corridor as required by project agreements. Due to space limitations and safety concerns, this access route will connect to Revere Avenue just to the south of the same corner of Elm Creek School Community Playfield. Depending on the final design, there may be a second slope infringing up to 40 feet into the parkland for a length of approximately 90 feet along the TH 610 corridor. This results in a triangular impact to 1800 square feet; however, approximately 700 square feet of that area is duplicated with the Revere slope infringement, so the total combined area is  $(1800 + 1250 - 700 =) 2350$  square feet.

The engineers designing this project originally planned to use retaining walls in these areas to avoid any impacts altogether. However, the following discussions between the City of Maple Grove, the Design-Build contractor and consultant, and Mn/DOT it was agreed that the walls would be undesirable aesthetically, practically, and from a maintenance standpoint. The final design for this area may include a 1:6 slope off from Revere for maintenance and aesthetic purposes. It was determined that slopes of 1:4 and flatter would not change the ability of this parkland to be utilized for park purposes.

Special efforts should be made to protect this resource, as it is used by the City as a public park. However, the Right of Way acquisition from the park would be minimal and would not alter or directly affect the use of the park. Based on this assessment, we intend to make a determination that the impact to Elm Creek School Community Playfield would be de minimis.

Please see below to view a figure showing the proposed grading limits. The City is accepting comments on this proposal through Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. You can leave a comment by calling 763-494-6366 or emailing [mculver@ci.maple-grove.mn.us](mailto:mculver@ci.maple-grove.mn.us).

