

Red Oaks Phase II Contamination Mitigation – City of Andover

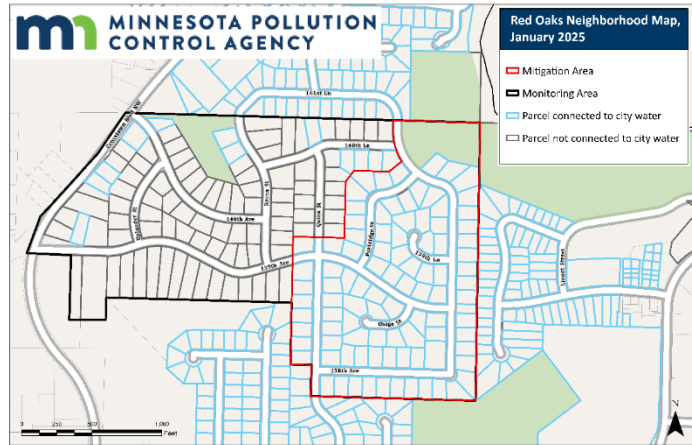
Support HF 2080: Providing Safe Drinking Water to the Red Oaks Neighborhood

Request:

Support the passage of HF 2080, which appropriates \$8,000,000 from the bond proceeds fund to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a grant to the City of Andover to address private well contamination in the Red Oaks Neighborhood (Monitoring Area - Phase II).

The Problem:

- **Groundwater Contamination:** Private wells in the western portion of the Red Oaks neighborhood (Monitoring Area) are contaminated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from an unidentified source.
- **Health Risks:** Exposure to these contaminants above Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) health-based guidance poses potential health risks to residents.
- **Unaddressed Need:** While the eastern portion of the Red Oaks neighborhood (Mitigation Area – Phase I) was connected to municipal water in 2024, the Monitoring Area continues to rely on contaminated private wells.



The Solution: Municipal Water Connection for the Monitoring Area

- **Proposed Action:** Install new municipal water mains on streets with contaminated wells in the Monitoring Area and offer service connections to all 96 properties.
- **Comprehensive Approach:** Includes design and installation of water mains, individual service connections, connection fees, and sealing of private wells.
- **Addresses All Affected Residents:** Offers connection to all properties in the Monitoring Area (41 with contamination above MDH guidance, 55 below), ensuring long-term safety and preventing future issues.

Why This Funding is Critical:

- **Public Health Protection:** Provides a permanent source of safe drinking water for residents currently relying on contaminated wells.
- **Environmental Protection:** Requires the sealing of contaminated private wells, preventing further groundwater contamination and eliminating potential pathways for contaminants.
- **Fiscally Prudent Long-Term Solution:** Avoids escalating costs of temporary measures (bottled water, monitoring) that would continue without a permanent solution.

Call to Action:

Please support the passage of HF 2080 to provide the necessary funding to connect the Red Oaks Neighborhood Monitoring Area to municipal water. This is a vital investment in the health, safety, and well-being of our community.

For more information, please contact:

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