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8 Summit Ave. NE, PO Box 380, Blackduck, MN 56630-0380

October 21, 2026

To: Property/Parcel Owner

RE: Public Hearing,
MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS
Blackduck, MN

Notice of Public Hearing on Community Improvements

This Notice letter is to invite you to the City Council Public Hearing on the proposed improvements in the City of Blackduck of the following:

- 4.1 Water Supply and Treatment Alternatives
- 4.2 Rehabilitation of Water Treatment Plant/Facility
- 4.3 Water Distribution System Improvements - Replacement of Existing CIP
- 4.4 Rehabilitation of Existing Elevated Water Storage Tank
- 4.5 Wastewater Collection System Improvements - Replace Deficient VCP mains and structures.
- 4.6 Rehabilitation of Existing Pump Stations and Combining Drake and Forestry
- 4.7 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements

Notice is hereby given that the City of Blackduck Minnesota will hold a Public Hearing at this time and location:

Monday, November 23, 2026, 6:00 pm

**Blackduck City Hall located at
8 Summit Ave.,
Blackduck, MN 56630**

The proposed infrastructure improvements are proposed to address multiple deficiencies and community concerns with the municipal water and wastewater systems within the City of Blackduck. Many of the proposed improvements are to replace infrastructure components that have served well beyond their design life and are experiencing increase operations and maintenance expenses for the city.

With these proposed utility infrastructure improvements will result in some street surface replacement impacts. These projects are not planned to be comprehensive street improvements. These surface impacts are limited by the funding sources confined to utility being replaced, efforts will be considered to address areas identified needing adjustments and/or corrections.

This will be an informational meeting to obtain and respond to questions related to the proposed (SCDP) Small Cities Development Program activity. The anticipated fund assistance for these projects is a mixture of USDA-RD, Mn-PFA (Drinking Water and Clean Water Revolving Fund), MDH, MPCA and Mn-DEED-SCDP for some or all of the proposed community improvements. Other sources of funding assistance are also being considered, as they become known and evaluated by the City.

The City is seeking public comments on the potential environmental, historic, and archaeological impacts associated with the proposed improvements. The public hearing discussion will include citizen input on community development

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and housing needs, proposed DEED-SCDP activities, overall costs and financing, A proposed implementation schedule, staff duties, and compliance with environmental and historic requirements.

The total estimated cost of all the improvements is approximately \$21,000,000. A reasonable estimate of the project schedule and budget will be available at the hearing.

Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvements will be heard at this meeting. We invite you to submit your comments to City of Blackduck Attn: Christina Regas PO Box 380 Blackduck, MN 56630 or by email christina.regas@blackduckmn.com by 5:00 PM on Monday November 23rd, 2026 and read to be part of the meeting record. Written comments will be accepted through November 30th. Submit them to City of Blackduck Attn: Christina Regas PO Box 380 Blackduck, MN 56630 or by email christina.regas@blackduckmn.com

If you have any questions about the project improvements and/or funding process, please check out the city website at www.blackduckmn.com. **MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS** information is listed under the "Public Works" tab in "Government". You can also contact a City Council member listed on the website under the "Public Officials" tab under "Government" tab.

This Public Hearing notice will also be posted on the city posting board, City Official Newspaper Bemidji Pioneer and on the city website.

Sincerely,

Christina Regas
City Administrator
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City of Blackduck

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Blackduck, Minnesota, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Blackduck City Hall (address: 8 Summit Ave NE, Blackduck, MN).

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and receive public input regarding proposed improvements to the City's wastewater system, including identification of community development and housing needs, the needs of very low- and moderate-income residents, review of proposed Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) activities and the areas to be served, discussion of overall project costs and proposed financing, including funding through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, the anticipated project implementation schedule, review of the City's past performance in carrying out SCDP responsibilities, and compliance with federal regulations governing historic properties.

Posted this notice 9th day of November, 2026.

Christina Regas, City Administrator

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Citizen Participation Plan - Example

Pursuant to Section 104(a)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, this Citizen Participation Plan is hereby adopted to ensure that the citizens of Blackduck (hereinafter referred to as the Applicant), particularly persons of low and moderate income residing in slum and blight areas and in areas in which CDBG funds are proposed to be used, are encouraged to participate in the planning and implementation of CDBG-funded activities.

Public Hearing

A public hearing or public hearings will be the primary means of obtaining citizen views and responding to proposals and questions related to community development and housing needs, proposed CDBG activities and past CDBG performance.

Prior to submitting a CDBG application to the State of Minnesota, the Applicant will need to conduct at least one public hearing to identify community development and housing needs, including the needs of very low and low income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be addressed through the CDBG program. At the hearing, the Applicant must also, at minimum, review the proposed CDBG activities, their benefiting location(s), overall cost and proposed financing, and the implementation schedule. In addition, the past performance of the Applicant in carrying out CDBG responsibilities should be reviewed. Compliance with historic requirements of the CDBG program must be discussed, including whether there are/may be any historic or potentially historic buildings in the target area, and how the Applicant intends to address compliance with federal regulations governing the "Protection of Historic Properties."

Formal notice of the public hearing must be provided, which follows the posting/publication requirement(s) of the Applicant. A public notice will also be posted in places frequented by the public, especially low and moderate income persons benefiting from or affected by proposed CDBG activities. As circumstances warrant and as the Applicant determine necessary or appropriate, participation may additionally be specifically solicited from persons of low and moderate income, those benefiting from or affected by CDBG activities and/or representatives of such persons. Hearings will be held at times and in locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries and with accommodation for the handicapped. In case of public hearings where a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate, arrangements will be made to have an interpreter present. Citizens must be provided the opportunity to comment upon the original Citizen Participation Plan and on substantial amendments to it, or to the activities for which CDBG funds will be used.

Public Information and Records

Information and records regarding the proposed and past use of CDBG funds will be available at Blackduck City Hall (location) during regular office hours. The public will be so informed of this by public notice. Special communication aids can be made available to persons upon request.

Written Comments and Response

The Applicant will respond to written complaints and grievances, in writing, in a timely manner. When at all possible, such written responses shall be made within fifteen (15) working days.

<u>Blackduck</u>		
Applicant	Signature of Chief Elected Official of Applicant	Date

NOTE: EACH JURISDICTION PARTICIPATING IN A JOINT APPLICATION IS REQUIRED TO FOLLOW CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS. A SINGLE PLAN CAN BE USED FOR A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL APPLICATION, BUT CITIZENS FROM ALL JURISDICTIONS MUST BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE.