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Shoreline Erosion Update

Evergreen Lakes Resident,

Last February, I wrote to share that we had signed an agreement with an engineering firm to perform a study on shoreline erosion for Evergreen Lakes. While this final report was received later than we had hoped, it is now complete. A copy of the report is available on the District's website (<https://www.csparks.org/parks/evergreen-lakes-park/>).

While the study did not identify any areas that create an immediate safety hazard, it has identified and ranked multiple areas around both bodies of water that will need to be addressed in the coming years. The report prioritizes which areas should be addressed first and includes suggestions for the recommended restoration method. It also provides cost estimates by linear foot of shoreline and category. The current cost estimate for all restoration work within the plan is estimated at \$1,577,800. The cost to address the priority areas (2S, 6S, and 8S) is estimated at \$433,300.

As with all large projects, the District will now work to secure funding through a combination of state and federal grants and its own capital improvement budget. We estimate that the restoration work will be broken down into multiple phases over numerous years – addressing areas by priority and as funding is secured.

We are fortunate to have the support and expertise of Village engineers who have experience in obtaining grants of this type of work. These grants can provide varying degrees of funding depending on the grant. With the report in hand, we have supporting documentation to apply for such grants.

The Park District will continue to develop and enhance native plantings along the banks of the lake to help slow erosion. It will not resolve the erosion at Evergreen Lakes, but it will help. While that approach has been successful along many Park District and Village shorelines, we must take a more aggressive approach for Evergreen lakes.

Thank you for your continued patience. We will continue to keep you updated as we have more information to share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue Rini".

Sue Rini

Executive Director