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BLAINE WETLAND SANCTUARY UPDATE

In August the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary Neighborhood met with Councilmembers Clark and Jeppson at the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary (BWS) to discuss landscaping in areas of the BWS affected by the Wetland Restoration project that is being done by the City.

Based on these meetings, Councilmember Clark asked for an estimate for additional landscaping to buffer affected residents from people using the park. Attached is a map showing the areas for additional landscaping based on where trees were removed as part of the wetland restoration.

The revised estimate based on these areas is approximately \$50,000 and includes tree buffering along the homes where trees were removed on Naples Circle and 117th Lane NE and includes fencing with a gate along the area where the BWS abuts Naples that will be used as a maintenance access.

The estimate is based on drawings and price costs from Stantec Engineering and consists of 32 Overstory trees and 62 Understory trees that are suited for the wetland soils.

These trees can be ordered this winter and installed next spring.

Staff is looking for direction from the City Council on whether to prepare an action item for Landscape Buffering at the Blaine Wetland Sanctuary.