



April 2, 2026

Dear Landowner,

You are receiving this notice by mail because you are an affected party of Cedar River Watershed District (CRWD) project #26-24. The project is a flood reduction project by utilizing a berm and culvert piping to slow large flows.

The engineer's report is on file through the Cedar River Watershed District and available for public inspection. Please contact Cody Fox if you wish to receive the report.

The CRWD will hold a project hearing on April 15th at 6pm at the CRWD office of 1408 21st Ave NW, Austin MN.

If you have any questions, please contact Cody Fox, CRWD Administrator.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cody Fox, CRWD Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Matter of the Petition of the Cedar River
Watershed District Red Rock 34 Flood
Reduction Project (Project Number 26-24)

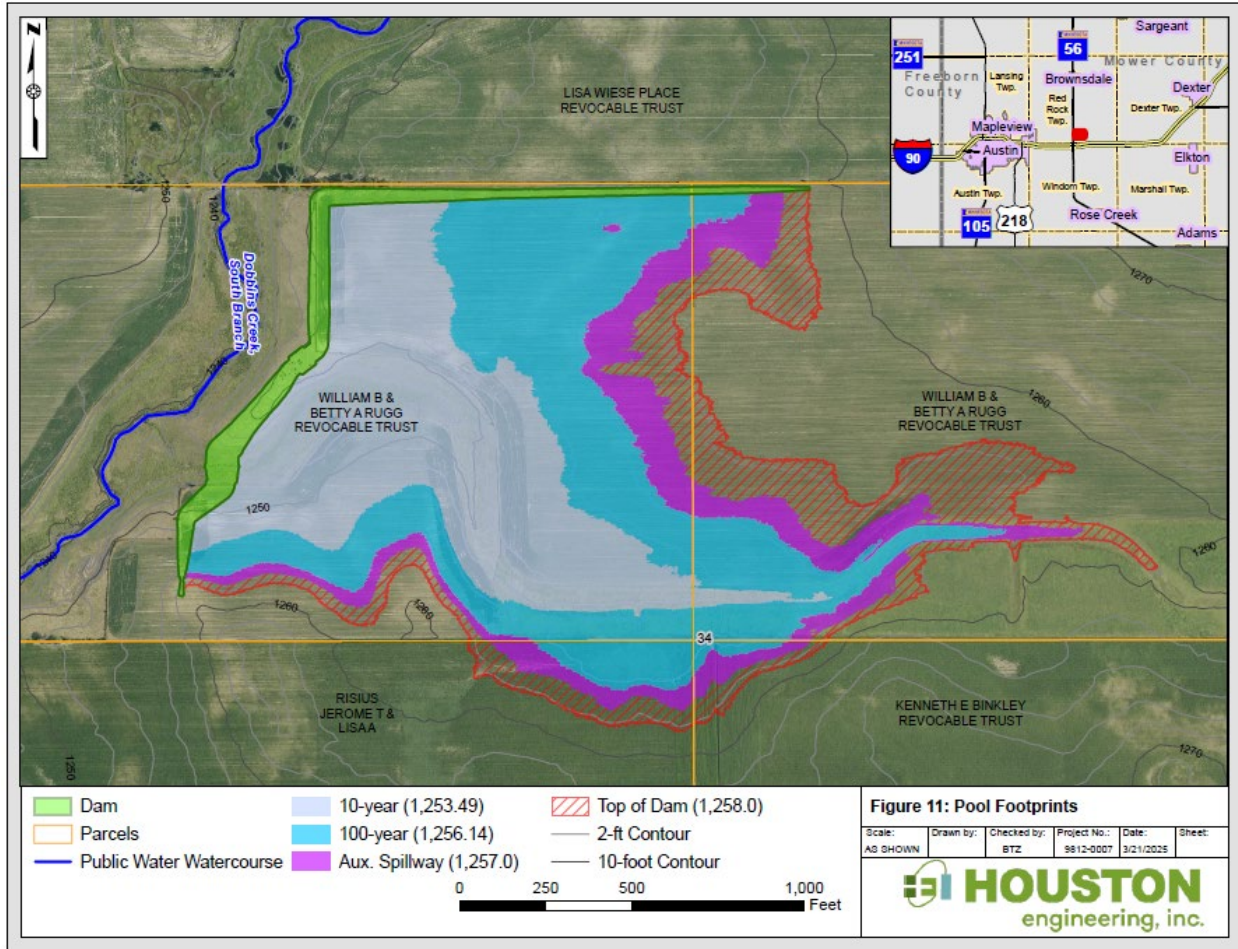
**Notice of Hearing on Project
Establishment and Easement
Acquisition**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Cedar River Watershed District Board of Managers will hold a final hearing on project #26-24 on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6pm.**, at 1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN 55912. The purpose of the final hearing is to receive public comment under Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.745 regarding the Project and Easement Acquisitions. The engineer's report has been filed with the Cedar River Watershed District and is available for inspection. Reports of the DNR and Board of Water and Soil Resources have also been filed with the District and are available for inspection. To request inspection of the engineer's report, agency reports, contact the Watershed District Consultant, Cody Fox, at (507) 434-2603, or by email to cody@mowerdistrict.org.

The Project is a basic water management project, petitioned by the Cedar River Watershed District, located in the watershed area east of the city of Austin and designed for the purposes of flood control, water quality improvement, stormwater management, and drainage. The project is specifically identified in the District's Watershed Management Plan. The project components include the construction of an earthen berm, water control structures, emergency spillways and erosion control features, establishment of permanent grass vegetation, and defined flowage easements. Current conditions create flood risk and water quality (nutrient and sediment delivery) concerns. The proposed project will stabilize the drainageway and slow stormwater runoff – reducing flood risks.

Easements are proposed to be acquired for maintenance and inspection of the project, flowage to 1257 feet MSL, and protection of a vegetated buffer along the drainage. Easements will be in the form of a conservation easement for riparian protection. With the assistance of its consulting engineer or appraiser, the Board shall determine a damage value for the proposed easements pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 103D.721.

The properties affected by the project and water management district charges are depicted in the map below (all in Mower County):



The estimated project cost is \$750,000, to be paid for from the proceeds of grants and tax revenues of the District. Based on the estimated project cost, approximately \$100,000 of project cost will be paid from district-wide taxes.

All parties interested in the proposed project shall appear at the public hearing to present support for or objection to the Project, general comment or concern or other information relevant to the Board's consideration of the reports of the engineer, project cost allocations, a damage value for easements and establishment and construction of the Project. Owners of property directly affected by the Project will receive this notice by mail.