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Neighborhood Information Meeting #2
North Garden Street Reconstruction


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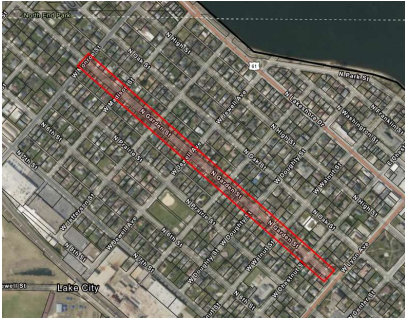





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Project Area

• **N Garden Street**
from Monroe Street
to Lyon Ave (US 63)








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Tentative Project Schedule Summary

Planning	February 2025 – May 2025
Neighborhood Informational Meeting #1	June 17, 2025
Prepare Final Plans & Specifications	June 2025 – December 2025
Neighborhood Informational Meeting #2	November 4, 2025
Bidding	Jan/Feb 2026
Award Bid	Early Spring 2026
Construction	Spring 2026 – Summer 2027




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What's Under My Street




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Proposed Conditions: Streets and Boulevards

- **Streets** – width and alignment to match existing conditions
- **Sidewalks** – new sidewalk will be 5-ft wide, gaps will be filled, and any sidewalk currently on private property will be reconstructed in the public Right-of-Way
 - Carriage walks in front of each property will be removed and NOT replaced unless the property owner specifically requests them to be replaced. We are asking for your requests now so it can be included in the final design.
- **Boulevards** – all disturbed turf will be restored with sod
- **Traffic Control** – access will only be impeded while construction is taking place in front of your home
 - A detour will be required at Monroe Street & Garden Street intersection for utility connections.



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Proposed Conditions: Boulevard Trees

- Trees in the right-of-way that will be impacted by construction will be removed by the City. Leftover stumps will be removed or ground as a part of this project.
- **The City plans to replant removed trees.**
- There have been several site reviews and evaluations since Neighborhood Meeting #1 to review tree locations against planned sewer and water service replacements. The current plan (on the table) shows the most up-to-date intention for tree removals.



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Proposed Conditions: Sanitary Sewer & Services

- New 10" & 12" diameter PVC pipe
- New concrete manholes
- New 4" or 6" PVC services (to property line)
- **Note to Homeowners:** If you do **NOT** know the condition of your private sanitary sewer service line – now is your opportunity to research the condition (from the house to the R/W) and determine whether it needs replacement. This would be an advantageous time to have it replaced if your sewer service is in poor condition.



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Proposed Conditions: Watermain & Services

- New 8" PVC watermain pipe
- New hydrants
- New valves
- New 1" water service to property line (w/ shut-off valve)
- A temporary water system will be installed during construction to maintain water supply to all residents.



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**Proposed Conditions:
Lead Service Line Replacement**


- There are 20 water services that will be replaced to the meter (inside the home) because of their material composition, per a mandate by the Minnesota Department of Health.
- Public Works is working with a local contractor to plan the approach for water service replacements from the R/W into the home.
- The properties where this will occur are identified on the plan with a red box.
- The impacted properties have been or will be visited by Public Works staff to review your connection for planning purposes.
- These homeowners will be invited to a separate meeting prior to construction to discuss the improvements and expectations.




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**Proposed Conditions:
Stormwater Drainage**



- The project plans to **remove** the concrete valley gutters crossing intersections and **add** more catch basins / gutter drains around each intersection to promote better drainage.
- The existing drainage patterns will be maintained.
- A drainage study was recently completed for the City that influenced the stormwater design decisions for the project.



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Electrical System Upgrades

- Southernmost 3 blocks of overhead electric lines are being converted to underground as part of the project.
- A contractor (Castrejon, Inc.) has completed the underground boring, conduit installation, and wire pulling work.
- Lake City Utilities crews will complete transformer and service connections throughout the fall and winter months to energize the new underground system.
- A handful of residents will be converted to the new underground system this winter, with the remaining conversions and pole removals scheduled for spring (ahead of construction).
- Advanced notifications will be sent to the affected residents prior to any scheduled conversions or power interruptions.

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Electrical System Upgrades

Cost and Funding

- No direct cost to homeowners
- The City is fully funding the electric conversion
- Part of a broader effort to modernize and improve system reliability

City Goals


- Upgrade aging infrastructure
- Improve system safety and resilience
- Support long-term reliability and aesthetic improvements

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Additional Considerations


- Contractors bidding on the project will be allowed to phase the project across two construction seasons. This does not guarantee the project will last two years, but it could. The allowed phasing break is noted below:
 - Phase 1: Lyon Ave to Jewell Ave
 - Phase 2: Jewell Ave to Monroe St
- Any property owner with private facilities in the boulevard (ex: invisible fence or irrigation) should remove these prior to construction for self-replacement post-construction. Otherwise, these will be likely be damaged during construction and will not be replaced.
- Property access and availability during construction:
 - Coordination with fire, police, and emergency services
 - Coordination with bus service (~~project is not along a bus pickup route~~)
 - 100-Mile Garage Sale
 - Part of the Water Ski Days Parade Route



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Additional Considerations: Landscaping Features in the R/W

- Any privately-owned landscaping *in the right-of-way* will be removed and disposed of as part of the project. **Homeowners may remove the landscaping ahead of the project and keep the materials.**
 - This includes retaining walls, edging, mulch, landscaping rock, statues, sentimental items such as trees or shrubs, gardens, signs, lighting, etc.
 - This does not include mailboxes and sidewalk.
- We understand that there may be sentimental landscaping planted in the R/W; however, if this sits on top of a sewer or water service, the tree or shrub cannot be saved. **Homeowners are encouraged to remove and relocate (outside the R/W) any sentimental plantings prior to the project beginning.**



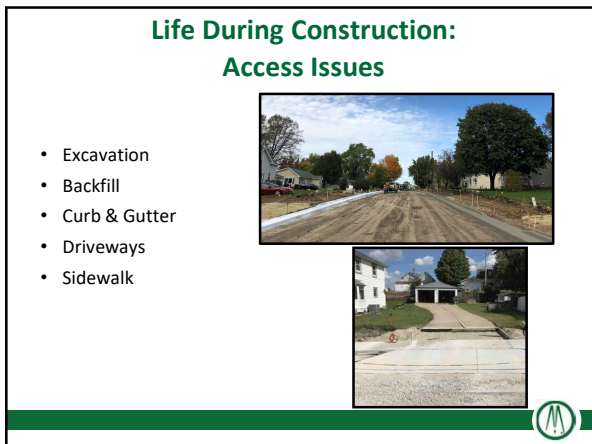
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**Life During Construction:
Project Delays**





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Life During Construction


Coordination with the Post Office

- Mail delivery will remain the same – the post office can still access each home.
- Some temporary mailboxes will be required.



Special Requests

- Graduation parties, anniversary celebrations, etc.



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Life During Construction

Garbage & Recycling



- Once the road becomes inaccessible, homeowners are to take their garbage cans to the closest side street for pickup.
- The garbage hauler will be placing house numbers on all garbage cans so each homeowner will be able to get their own garbage can back.




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Life During Construction: Construction Communication

- Bolton & Menk will have a Resident Project Representative (RPR) on site every day construction is taking place.
- Questions, comments, or concerns *should be directed to the RPR*. Contact information will be provided at the time of construction.
- Limit questions to the Contractor.

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Pre-Communication: Newsletter




2026 North Garden Street Reconstruction

Newsletter No. 1 – June 4, 2025

Informational Meeting #1:
 Date: June 17, 2025
 Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 Location: City Hall Council Chambers

Overview

The City of Lake City is undertaking a construction project to improve North Garden Street from Lyon Ave (US 63) to Monroe Street. The project includes sanitary sewer and water system improvements, drainage improvements, street construction, and sidewalk and driveway construction. The project extents are shown in the included map.



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Before You Leave

Please provide your name, address, and contact information on the sign-in sheet.

Additionally, **please fill out a property information sheet** which is intended to provide the design team pertinent information that you'd like us to have for the design.

- * To-date, the design team is not aware of any invisible fences in the boulevard.
- * To-date, the design team is only aware of *one* property with irrigation in the boulevard.

The design team cannot include considerations for items in the boulevard if we do not know they exist.



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Thank you for coming!

A third informational meeting will be held after the project has been bid, and before construction begins (mid to late spring).

Questions?



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