

## County of Faribault

### Drainage Department

#### DRAINAGE SYSTEM VEGETATIVE MAINTENANCE NOTIFICATION

Date: April 1, 2024

To: Landowners along open ditch portions of CD10, CD14, CD20, CD3, CD42, CD43, CD60, CD64, CD7, CD70, CD73,

CD74, CD77, CD8, CD85, CD86, CD87, CD90, CD94, JCD301FF, JD19F, JD1F, JD2F, JD6F, JD9FBE

From: Luke Schonborn, Drainage Inspector

The Faribault County Drainage Department will be doing vegetative maintenance on county drainage ditches (map on back side) beginning May through August. Vegetative maintenance may include ground spraying of ditch banks and one rod buffer strip easement for weeds, brush, and trees; and mowing of one rod buffer strip easement. Vegetative maintenance does not include road ditches or private drainage ditches.

If you would like to opt out of vegetative maintenance, metal "No Spraying" signs <u>must</u> be installed on your property. "No Spraying" signs are available from the Drainage Department for you to mark the area you do not want sprayed. Please stop in at 415 South Grove Street, Suite 8, Blue Earth, Minnesota to pick up your "No Spraying" signs. Signs are at no cost, but landowners are responsible for the post and installation. Two signs need to be installed at the entrance to your parcel from both directions. Please post so signs are easily viewable by the contractor doing maintenance by **Friday, April 26**th, **2024**.

In addition, please complete a Vegetative Maintenance Opt Out Form at <a href="http://www.co.faribault.mn.us/drainage/pages/maintenance">http://www.co.faribault.mn.us/drainage/pages/maintenance</a> or call 507-526-2388 by Friday, April 26th, 2024. Landowners who do not approve of chemical application and/or mowing need to notify the Faribault County Drainage Department <a href="each">each</a> year. If opting out, the landowner will assume all responsibility to remove trees, brush, and weeds in the ditch right-of-way at their own expense. If upon inspection and notification by the Drainage Department the removal of trees, brush, and weeds is not satisfactory, the Drainage Department may order chemical spray be applied or vegetation be mowed.

If you are **ok** with maintenance occurring on your property, <u>you do not need to take any action</u>. Vegetative maintenance is a maintenance cost charged to the entire drainage system.

If you have questions on the location of affected county drainage ditches, maps may be found on the Drainage Department webpage. Please share this information with your tenant (if applicable). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 507-526-2388 or <a href="mailto:luke.schonborn@co.faribault.mn.us">luke.schonborn@co.faribault.mn.us</a>.



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