



Facilities Updates

St. Francis Area Schools

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Today, Tomorrow, Next Few Months

- Athletic Field – Drainage
- Water Connections – East Bethel, Cedar Creek
- Tennis Courts
- Tax Abatement – Parking Lots



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Soak Aways - Drainage 

Why is this critical?

- Currently can be used – but further failure is expected soon
- Potentially could shut down usage
- New drainage, track and field, would restore it to usable condition
- Decision point – next couple of months to hit 2027 refurbishment



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Potential Option –

- Underground Water Retention with trench drains
- Exploring cost per use differential between natural grass and artificial turf
- Exploring educational impact of artificial turf
- Resurface the Track/Field
- Lease Levy Funding ~ \$5 million
- Impact - \$4/month/median home



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Update –

- East Bethel has received phase 1 of state funding through the bonding bill
- St Francis was mentioned as a key driver for this work
- Costs associated –
 - Water Connections - \$1 million
 - Service and Water Access Charges - \$1.5 million
- These costs cannot be avoided and can be paid for through Capital, LTFM Bonding, both of which would hurt our operating needs, or LTFM Health and Safety if we tie it to adding sprinklers in Cedar Creek
- We do not have funding for this internally
- Expected water connection in 2028



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Potential Path Forward –

- Rather than use restricted funding from LTFM or Capital, use LTFM Health and Safety Life Safety Systems Funding – similar to IAQ
- Add sprinklers to Cedar Creek accessing new water connection
- Connect East Bethel Sprinkler to new water connection
- Total expected budget including access charges - \$5 million
- Wait for bids on IAQ project – surplus funds could be transferred to this project minimalizing any tax impact
- Decision Point – after bids are received in November 26 to solidify funding options.



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- Tennis Courts – High School

Update –

- Project is firmly underway with expected completion – September 30th
- Original funding – internal capital
- Request today – authorize moving this funding to Lease Levy
 - This saves us the ~\$600k to be used for other projects that cannot be funded in other ways
 - Tax impact – 50c per month/median home
- Reimbursement Resolution – this allows us to repay ourselves from the lease levy for the funds already spent.



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- Tax Abatement – Parking, Pick Up/Drop Off

Update –

- Community Task Force identified pick up and drop offs as key priority
- Middle School, SFE and High School all require parking projects but not until after IAQ project finished
- 2026 parking project over budget requiring additional funding
- East Bethel and Cedar Creek can be done in collaboration with the water project
- Decision Point – No decision required at this time



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Action Items

Today

- Leave Levy for the Tennis Courts to recoup the funding paid
- Reimbursement Resolution

Future

- Lease Levy for drainage/track – Oct
- Water Connection Project – after IAQ bids are received Nov
- Tax abatement – Increase initial project, then look to 2027 for authorizing next stages.

