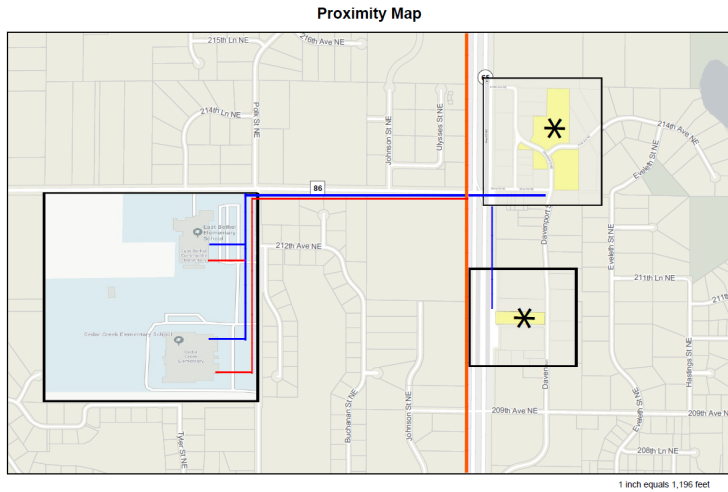


# HF 1904/SF 2181 EAST BETHEL WATER/SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE BONDING REQUEST

## EXISTING CONTAMINATION

Tannins, Radium, Manganese and VOCs found in East Bethel wells today. Decommissioned Landfill has caused known contaminates.

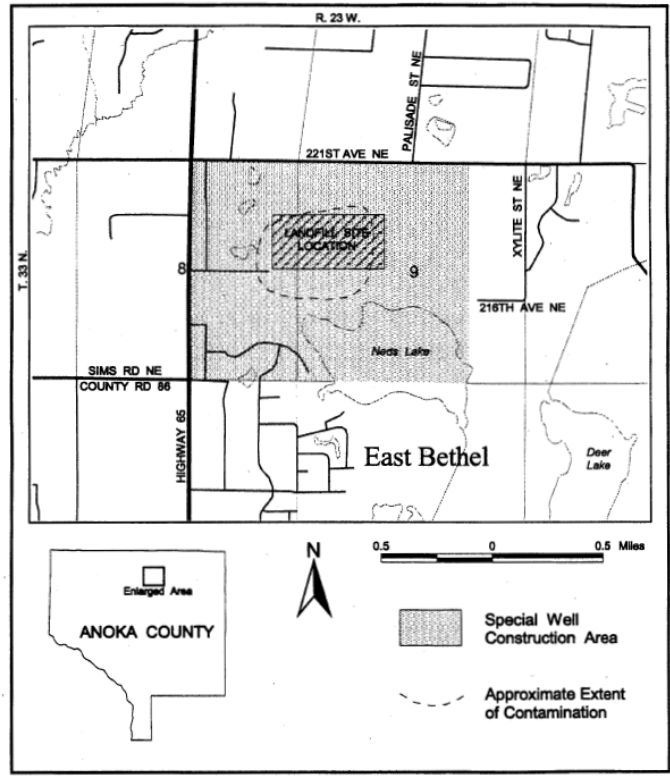
ISD 15 School District facing future Capital improvements have expressed interested in hooking up to City Sewer and Water.



City Owned Parcels  
Possible Locations  
Existing Sanitary Force Main  
New Sanitary Line  
New H2O Supply

1 inch equals 1,196 feet  
April 4, 2024  
Map Powered by DataLinx  
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## Special Well Construction Area East Bethel Sanitary Landfill



Minnesota Department of Health  
Well Management Section

March 2, 1998  
ebethel.mpr



## SOLUTION

City Sewer and Water Utilities eliminates the need for private well and septic. Existing City Sewer in close proximity combined with bond dollars invested in water treatment (removal of contaminates) & pressurization (water tower) will address school needs for generations to come!

## PUBLIC AGENCY COLLABORATION

Maximizing public resources to enhance public health and meet State Clean Water goals is paramount. Mitigating known risks is not something that can be delayed. Interagency collaboration between school and city illustrates the urgency.



## PUBLIC SAFETY

State Support has been critical in addressing the clean water needs of Minnesota Communities. Removing contaminates that include: VOCs (DCA, methylene chloride, TCE), and benzene will safeguard drinking water for our kids, ultimately investing in tomorrow's workforce.



Item 6.0 D, Attachment 1

**CITY OF EAST BETHEL  
EAST BETHEL, MINNESOTA**  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-XX  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HF 1904 AND SF 2181

**WHEREAS**, ISD 15 School District has approached the City of East Bethel to inquire as to the possibility of collaborating to establish a connection to City utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the current well and septic systems the School is currently using have proven to be problematic; requiring upgrades to their septic-pumping station; and

**WHEREAS**, the well water has shown signs of contamination; and

**WHEREAS**, contaminants have been found in close proximity, consisting of VOCs (DCA, methylene chloride, TCE), benzene, tannins, radium and manganese, in city wells.

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Health issued a notice of designation of special well construction area in the vicinity of the East Bethel Sanitary Landfill, identified as east 1/4 of Section 8, the west 1/4 of Section 9, the west 1/4 of the northeast quarter of Section 9, and the west 1/4 southeast corner of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 23 West. Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 65 and Sims Road Northeast, the boundary of the Special Well Construction Area extends north on State Highway 65 approximately one mile to 221st Ave Northeast, then east one mile, then west approximately one and one-quarter miles, then south approximately one mile, then west approximately one and one-quarter miles to the intersection of State Highway 65 and Sims Road; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EAST BETHEL, MINNESOTA THAT:** The East Bethel City Council and Mayor fully supports the bonding request for 10.5 million dollars, as identified in HF 1904 (Representative Scott) and SF 2181 (Senator Baker), for the purpose of investing in pre-design and design, to construct City water and sewer infrastructure necessary to connect East Bethel Elementary and Cedar Creek Elementary Schools.

Adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2025 by the City Council of the City of East Bethel.

**CITY OF EAST BETHEL**

Arden Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Matt Look, City Administrator

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March 25, 2024

NAME AND ADDRESS  
RE: Letter of support for inclusion of East Bethel water and sewer treatment systems in the state's bonding bill  
To: Vikram M. Choudhary

The purpose of this letter is to express the school district's support for including water and sewer systems for the City of East Bethel in the state's bonding bill. Building these systems is essential to the school district and city because of current issues with school district water and septic systems as well as the desire to provide an increased tax base for the school district.

Currently, East Bethel Elementary School and Cedar Creek Elementary School are serviced by well and septic systems on our properties. Maintaining private water and sewer systems has been problematic, so the district is interested in city-provided services. In addition to the present need to upgrade the school's septic pumping station, both schools were negatively impacted by the larvae in our well water over the past 18 months. The cloudy water that students and staff were pulling out of filtered water stations caused a level of alarm and panic, remediation efforts necessitated a strong response from the school district, including shutting of all drinking fountains, providing bottled water, installing a new water softener system at Cedar Creek, and conducting multiple water quality sampling by state and local entities. Parents and community members questioned whether the schools provided safe environment for their children. Further, it is a necessary challenge to first staff members with the special wastewater treatment license and critical water contracts.

Building the systems will also help the area with storm and runoff growth, which will eventually help with the impact on local residences and businesses. In particular, the school district recently lost an operating levy referendum request, partly because of increased taxes in the cities within the school district. Providing a stronger tax base will eventually help with the tax burden for residents of the school district.

Once again, the school district wholeheartedly supports the inclusion of water and sewer systems for the City of East Bethel in the state's bonding bill. It's right thing for East Bethel as well as St. Francis Area Schools.

Sincerely,  
Kerstin Anderson  
Superintendent

St. Francis Area Schools

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