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I HAVE NO VIEW OR DIRECT ACCESS TO THE WATER I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY

[Signature]

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- THE MILL POND NEEDS ATTENTION. THE BED OF THE POND IS FILLING IN AND THE DEPTH ~~IS~~ IS DIMINISHING. THE AMOUNT OF HARVESTING WATERWAY IS GETTING LESS AND LESS, YET THE PRICE STAYS RELATIVELY THE SAME (ADJUSTING FOR INFLATION). WHAT DOES THE CITY HAVE PLANNED FOR THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THIS WATERWAY TO KEEP IT A WATERWAY VS. ALLOWING IT TO*



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*\* Better communication from the city -> such as this mailing*

*\* Research has shown mechanical harvesting can cause increased milfoil; just re-seeds the water*

*\* We question whether milfoil is a vegetation that "provides*

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*Food shelter for fish and waterfowl... etc"*

*\* I observe the mechanical harvesting - unbelievable poor outcome in mill pond*



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*I am concerned that harvesting actually propagates the millfoil?*

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  - almost impossible now*
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*In all the time we have lived here we have never had harvesting behind our property - and so now we have the lily pad problem. The "channel" that is cleared is always along the Sunnyslope side of the creek and so it looks like a "cesspool" behind*

15090 Intra-Coastal Ct  
4903 Sunnyside Rd  
Susan Green  
952-920-9432

Continued on other side →

our home. The creek is a detriment rather than any kind of asset to our property during summer months.

Also - it is a creek - not a pond - so why doesn't the city assess every property along the creek in Edina?

We would like a copy of the legal authority the city has to assess us every year. If you are going to ~~ass~~ charge us don't we have the right to get some value from the assessment?

Obviously the city puts all time and effort into cleaning area that has public view - near Browndale bridge - and then sends the bill to us homeowners that get no value from the harvesting.

- Again let me be clear - we have never had harvesting behind our property - so if you are going to continue this useless venture - charge everyone along the Creek (it is not a pond)

- Make the "channel" down the Sunnyside Road side of Creek - for next 10 years - to catch up to last 10 years it been in same ~~spot~~ area.

- Answer question of why the city charges private citizens when you clearly stated "the state is the owner of aquatic vegetation" How is this legal??



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- Can't see the Mill Pond in Summer. Growth of weeds + bushes along the street*
- 4909 Browndale Ave

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*We have lived on the Mill Pond since 1972. We had a dock + Raft + Our kids swam in the Creek. Chemicals (Copper sulfate) was dumped in at the Bridge + the creek was clear.*

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*Someone introduced Water lilies to the Creek + They have on the west side of 1st.*

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*(one)*

taken over. They are considered endangered to  
the person harvesting; the weeds ignores them.  
They are eventually going to take over.  
I think harvesting is a waste of money as the  
part of the creek flowing decreases every year.



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*once to twice  
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water quality.*

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4917 E. Sunnyvale is in a position where loose weeds  
and aquatic <sup>weeds</sup> plus cans, plastic and other junk collect  
on shore and is not removed due primarily to ~~how~~ how  
the water flows. The same problem occurs at the ~~bank~~ <sup>homes</sup> to the  
south of 4917 (West Shore)

The storm sewer next our lot contributed to all this. Sunk  
stays on shore,

D L Gabisch

Also, \$150 to over \$200 annually is  
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THE POND IS TOO SHALLOW IN FRONT OF MY PROPERTY TO BE HARVESTED.

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*From #2. we do not have creek front property and yet we are charged as if we were. I am happy to contribute something, but as I see it if I contribute then so should everyone who frequents the park -*

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Because the city does nothing to control the Buckthorns growing on the banks of Browardate Park we have a very limited view of the creek. Our immediate neighbors on Browardate support the park with money for tree replacement and treatment. We also clean the park and help halt the spread of invasive trees. ~~we~~ I believe everyone in the neighborhood benefits from a clean Mill Pond. Either catch a water net for funds and a solution or allow us a break from paying an amount the equals someone with 100 plus feet of shoreline.

Cathy and Dave Pearson

Ps How about mandating natural shoreline plantings



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Consider notices - ordinances - to prohibit homeowners from "blowing" leaves - grass into the creek.

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- The pond is silted up from run-off from streets and highways (sand). It needs to be dredged. Use the \$180 per year for 30 years to pay for the dredging. It's been about 80 years (1936) since it was last dredged. It's time to do it again!!*

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 maintaining the current strategy of harvesting twice per year.  
 reducing the frequency of harvesting to one time per year.  
 discontinuing mechanical harvesting.
7. If you have any other comments, please include them in the space provided. You may also use the back of this page.

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 canoeing/kayaking/boating       fishing       other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Over the past two years, the average annual cost for harvesting has been about \$180 per property. How would you rate the overall value of the service compared with the price paid?
- poor      fair      good      very good      excellent
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6. Which of the following levels of service would you be in favor of?
- paying more to get an additional cutting (for a total of three cuttings per year).  
 maintaining the current strategy of harvesting twice per year. - 2 harvestings per year is sufficient  
 reducing the frequency of harvesting to one time per year. IF done correctly -  
 discontinuing mechanical harvesting.
7. If you have any other comments, please include them in the space provided. You may also use the back of this page.
- Current plan which leaves a significant portion of millpond weeds - Eurasian milfoil + Curly leaf pondweed - is NOT satisfactory.

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Have you seen any benefits to 50% harvesting?



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  - swimming *Not possible given condition of creek.*
  - socializing/entertaining
  - canoeing/kayaking/boating
  - fishing
  - other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Over the past two years, the average annual cost for harvesting has been about \$180 per property. How would you rate the overall value of the service compared with the price paid?
  - poor *The machine does not harvest at my property*
  - fair
  - good
  - very good
  - excellent
- How would you rate the quality of the harvesting work over the last two years?
  - can't judge machine does not come to my prop.*
  - poor
  - fair
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  - very good
  - excellent
- How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the overall aquatic vegetation management strategy in Mill Pond over the last two years?
  - can't judge machine does not come to my prop.*
  - very dissatisfied
  - dissatisfied
  - neutral
  - satisfied
  - very satisfied
- How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the overall contact between you and the City of Edina regarding management of Mill Pond over the past two years?
  - City is fine. Problem is state law restricting weed harvest.*
  - very dissatisfied
  - dissatisfied
  - neutral
  - satisfied
  - very satisfied
- Which of the following levels of service would you be in favor of?
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  - discontinuing mechanical harvesting.

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*In my view biggest issue is the Mill Pond is slowly filling in with silt from upstream and highway. The Mill Pond needs to be dredged. Feel free to call my cell 612 743 7833*

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*to discuss any of these issues. Thomas R. Dougherty*



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6. Which of the following levels of service would you be in favor of?
- paying more to get an additional cutting (~~for a total of three cuttings per year~~) *more vegetation should be cut*  
 maintaining the current strategy of harvesting twice per year.  
 reducing the frequency of harvesting to one time per year.  
 discontinuing mechanical harvesting.
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*The vegetation growth on the pond in front of our house is extreme -- almost halfway to the other shore. The cutting did not include this growth --*

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*worst ever!!*





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The amount of vegetation grows every year. The clearing does not go far enough to the west.

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very dissatisfied      dissatisfied      neutral      satisfied      very satisfied

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2014 very dissatisfied      2015 dissatisfied      neutral      satisfied      very satisfied

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7.  Paying more to have the cutting done in front of our house  
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We have lived here since 1993, and, until last year the harvesting took out all weeds except the lily pads. If this guy cannot cut weeds because of the depth, get a new guy! New machine! If it's the DNR, they need to explain why →

Katay & Rice Railway  
4808 E Sunny Slope Road

they want us to keep 50% of our invasive species  
in the wild? This issue directly affects our enjoyment of  
our property and views, and I'm sure, our  
property value!



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 reducing the frequency of harvesting to one time per year.  
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The mechanical harvesting works well, but is far too infrequent & doesn't get close enough to our shore-line.

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*Jessica Van Der Worp  
My name is Douglas John Hain  
I have lived at 4901 East Sunnyslope Rd. for 54 years*

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*(over)*

I have never seen the Mill Pond  
but would say it had been the  
same for 100 years

It is a very old pond and  
is very deep. It is very  
dark and the water is very  
still. It is very old and  
is very deep. It is very  
dark and the water is very  
still.

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*It is very frustrating that the weeds are not cut in front of our house. We notice the harvester spending about 10x more time harvesting weeds on other side of creek. The lily pads no longer exist by our house. We would like an equal service*

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→  
see other side

THANK You!  
Joe + Stacy  
4820 W. Sunnyslope  
McConnell

When compared with other areas of Mill Pond.  
We are willing to pay more for better  
service. Honestly the harvester does a great  
job near the middle of Mill Pond, why  
can't they do such a good job in front  
of our house? The Lily Pads are gone  
so they should harvest all areas in  
front of our house instead of cutting  
a small path for kayaks/canoes. We appreciate  
your communication and would just ask for  
fair treatment.



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THE INCREASE IN AQUATIC VEGETATION IS ALSO DUE TO THE BUILD-UP OF SEDIMENT ON THE CREEK BOTTOM OVER THE YEARS... ON TOP OF THE HARD CLAY BOTTOM INSTALLED

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IN MILL POND...

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...IN EARLY 1900'S. IT'S DUE FOR A DREDGING!



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*RAISE THE COST AND DO A BETTER JOB!*

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*Thank you for soliciting our feedback. We favor more harvesting*

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*at an increased cost to us.*



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*Weed control has never been perfect on the creek. Over the nearly 20 years that we've lived here the creek has become more & more shallow. As a result →*

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in the years with less snow and little rain, the weeds got pretty thick and unsightly. But up until 2013, most years were good enough. We pond dwellers had a good relationship with the parks + rec folks who managed it, and they were responsive to our calls.

During 2013 and 2014 the value, quality, and level of satisfaction with the harvesting and management of the work were all pretty poor. Some of us spent a lot of time working with the DNR to undo the new harvesting practices the city was set to implement.

This year with the creek under Ross Bintaer's management, things have been noticeably better. Ross has brought a responsive and curious approach to the pond's weed issue, making me hopeful that we will explore and find both short and longer-term solutions. In addition to the option Ross proposed to contract a consultant to map aquatic invasive species, I would like us also to look at the creek's steadily decreasing depth.



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*Ducks walk on the weeds that have not been mowed. It also smells. The fishing is not as good. Millpond is not negotiable!*

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*While we know there is no perfect solution to this problem, is there really no chemical solution re: milfoil and CLP? 4707 Sunnyside Rd*

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It needs to be more. people have stopped canoeing because it is so bad.

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*It would be great if enough weeds were removed so I could fish with my two boys ages 6 and 8. Currently fishing is not an option due to the thickness of the vegetation*

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*Chad Kelly*



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*It is hard to make a blanket statement on how often the city should harvest. Sometimes once is enough, other years more is needed.*

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*I do not believe water front and non water front home owners should be paying the same amount in the addressment*

4509 Browndale Ave



oops - missed seeing this

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regarding the past 2 years was  
hard to answer  $\Rightarrow$  last <sub>2014</sub> year: unsatisfactory  
this <sub>2015</sub> year: satisfied  
(not "very"  
but "good")