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**Subject:** Storm sewer project at Lake Edge Park. Item # 11 PC Agenda

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Hello:

I would like more information on this proposed project because I am concerned about the potential for harming the (rare) stand of old oak trees that would be bisected by the proposed storm sewer line.

Two trees have been lost in the past year or so- one toppled over and the other was removed before it did the same. I am not an arborist but it seems that this would indicate that their collective condition is tenuous. As such, having a large sewer line dug through their roots could be devastating.

My question is whether the option of having the line on Maher extend to Park Ct and run down that street (which is already in awful condition due to the city trucks that park there everyday during their lunch break) and then turn down Dempsey? The repaving/reconstruction of Park Ct. had been an element of the Dempsey/Davies/Maher street project and don't know if it still is. Running the line down Park Ct. would address the status of that street and the harm to the trees and park.

If this option has been under consideration, why wasn't it adopted? Did the cost estimates included valuations of the trees or other features of the park? What are the measures taken to safeguard the tree stands in the event of a storm sewer construction (e.g. evaluation and guidance by the staff of the City Forester)?

I look forward to your response.

Best regards,

David Ahrens