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## **Hermantown Awards Contract for Trunk Sewer Spur**

Hermantown, Minn. – The City of Hermantown moved one step closer to the construction of a significant sewer project Tuesday with the awarding of a construction contract to Utility Systems of America, Inc.

The Section 24 Trunk Sewer Spur project will open up more than 230 acres of Hermantown to development between Maple Grove Road and Hermantown Road on the east edge of the city.

The bids for the project were opened on October 24, 2019, but the awarding of the construction was delayed while the City awaited all of the final permits. With the Army Corps of Engineers permit for the project arriving Tuesday, the City Council was able to award the approximately \$4.2 million project to Utility Systems of America, Inc., within the 120 days stipulated in the contract.

Construction is set to begin in the near future and will extend into mid-2021. In addition to the sewer project, a community-accessible trail will also be built within the completed trunk sewer spur corridor. This stretch of non-motorized, paved trail – which will be 10 feet wide and is expected to be available year-round – will connect the southeastern parts of Hermantown with Stebner Park and the future city-wide trail system.

"This trail will showcase some of the beautiful natural spaces within Hermantown as it traverses the Keene Creek corridor," said Eric Johnson, Hermantown's Community Development Director.

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