

**2025 Reclamation and Overlay Project**



**1. ROADWAY PAVEMENT CONDITION**

**Do you feel the pavement surface has deteriorated to the point it needs to be fixed?**

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
18	15

- 1. Y - Street pavement on Washington only no concrete barrier for bike trails
- 2. N - Redo Maple Street
- 3. Y - Getting close any way
- 4. Y - In many areas around town
- 5. N - Already being fixed
- 6. Y - Fix the potholes please!
- 7. Y - Not on proposed work on Washington. Fremont St. west of Washington, especially west of Division
- 8. Y - Not with a trail or bikeway, waste of tax dollars! Leave our roads alone!
- 9. N - I'm on Woodley St.

**2. STORM SEWER, STORM WATER DRAINAGE AND SURFACE EROSION**

**I have observed street ponding after a significant rain, located at:**

<u>YES</u>
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- 1. Y - Sometimes at Ford and Maple
- 2. Y - Near the storm drain between 2016 and 2100 Michigan Drive
- 3. Y - Sometimes on Ford St by the drains
- 4. Y - Only when drains are blocked
- 5. Y - 704 Ford St E
- 6. N - None - Only because people don't clean the street grates

**I have observed areas of erosion along the boulevard at:**

<u>YES</u>
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- 1. Y - Erosion at S street sidewalk drain on Ames St just W of the elementary school. Looks like a sinkhole slowly developing the last few years
- 2. Y - 704 Ford St E
- 3. Y - Concrete crumbling at ped crossing Woodley / union

**Does your home or business have a sump pump?**

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
18	14

- 1. 1308 Washington St.
- 2. 538 Ford St E.
- 3. 708 Ford St.
- 4. 2016 Michigan Drive.
- 5. 825 Superior Dr.
- 6. 712 Ford St.
- 7. 801 Superior Dr.
- 8. 2317 Harbor Drive
- 9. 704 Ford St E.
- 10. 1405 Washington St.
- 11. 2315 Elianna Dr.
- 12. 704 Superior Drive
- 13. 2313 Harbor Dr.

**If yes, would you be interested in a sump line extended beyond the curb to hook your sump pump discharge to?**

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
7	15

- 1. Y - But would like to know if and what the cost would be for the homeowner
- 2. Maybe depends on any cost
- 3. I don't know what this is but it seems good.
- 4. Only if at no cost to me
- 5. Not sure I need one

**3. SANITARY SEWER**

We have not experienced any problems with our sanitary sewer service.

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<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
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**4. WATERMAIN**

We have not experienced any problems with our water service.

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<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
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5. SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS (WALKING AND BIKING)

Are there any sidewalks, trails, or bikeways that you believe are missing that need to be added to the project or comments on the initial planned improvements?

YES      NO  
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If Yes, please describe .

1. N - Please do not pour those hideous concrete beam bike trails on Washington. They are ridiculous, and will be a hazard themselves. City council chose to ignore a significant number of voters who did not want them. Contrary to the mayor's comments, I knew exactly what I was signing in that petition. The whole treatment of the citizens by the council was shameful.
2. Y - From Division St. to Culvers, on the south side of Woodley. City planners, do not ruin our wide 4-lanes of space on Washington Street by thinking "modern" bike lanes would be safer or make Northfield look more "modern". The "elbow room" in Northfield
3. N - We are in 1300 - 1400 Washington St. The street hits dead-end. We don't need either sidewalk or trail. The Mayor told the residents that by adding bike trails we will have more tourists coming to town. Q 1) who would benefit by them? A few downtown business? 2) By increasing already high taxes to residents? 3) By cutting down / damaging beautiful trees that's part of the Northfield scenery -small town goodness. From what I received as an answer to the trail plan beyond the dead-end - there is not a concrete plan as the property is still for sale and the City does not know if the trail can be built in the near future, Replacing the mature trees with tiny young ones wont do. Please keep the street improvement work and add the storm sewer that residents need rather than spending the budget on the unnecessary trail.
4. Y - Not missing but need repairs. The bike trails around the three ponds in SE Northfield are in terrible condition. They are filled with bumps, etc. from tree shoots coming up through the asphalt. Plus generally in bad condition.
5. N - the sidewalks and trails on Maple and Ford, including Superior, are just fine. I use them daily and never see cause for concern. Parts of sidewalk at 704 + 708 Ford street east should be lifted up. Ponding occurs especially after rains and in winter. It's a safety concern and hazard its a sheet of ice. 2 squares of sidewalk long east of both driveways. Lets be proactive and get this repaired before someone slips and falls. Thank you. P.S. Also the tree. On the boulevard is rotting and hasn't grown in 20 years since I been here I believe the tree wasn't planted right. With the ball of the tree, thanks. Also big crack in curb need to be FIXED.
6. Y - A pedestrian crossing should be added connecting the two spring creek walking paths on either side of Jefferson Parkway. Just west of Michigan Dr. (mid-block); and if this location is part of the project, a crosswalk with overhead lights (like on highway 3 and 19 by MOM Brand & Quarterback Club)is DESPERATELY needed off Raider Drive crossing Jefferson Parkway (by Bridgewater & the H.S.) and something should be done crossing 246 by the middle school
7. I'm ok with a sidewalk down one side at least of Washington. We have a lot of foot traffic with the schools
8. Y - All the walking paths around the Spring Creek ponds are In dire need of resurfacing. Willows breaking through surface adds to the challenge of walking without constant "eyes down".
9. N - We don't need the proposed ones either.
10. Y - Missing sloping access curbs on bike/hiking trails near Superior Dr. crossing around ponds. I was wondering the missing slanted curbs when crossing Superior Dr on the trail are on purpose, so cars wouldn't tempted to use the trail around the ponds. Is there another way to protect the trail from car traffic? The access of the trail crossing Superior Dr on the east side is tricky with the bike
11. Y - 704 Ford St. East I have a sewer drain at end of driveway. The cement apron is crack and lower than the sewer drain so water goes under the cement slab is sank down causing sink hole next to sewer under cement. There is a big dip in sidewalk puddles up every time it rains. In winter it is like a hockey rink. Both @ 704 Ford St E.
12. N - Too much has been put into bike lanes. Not needed. Don't do anymore!
13. N - Again I do not want this project to be completed near my home. Nobody likes these trails around town, as you have seen. I run down these roads currently they are a huge safety hazard, they are not practical! People avoid these types of roads. It is literally wasting our tax dollars! This is a violation of our constitution!
14. Y - It would be nice to have sidewalks on Hall Ave. between Huron Ct. and Michigan Dr. and Erie Dr. There are nice views of the town from up there!

6. GENERAL COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

1. I've attached my assessment of adding bike lanes outside of NFLD downtown. Washington St. from Woodley going south does NOT need / require or benefit from the proposed bike lane. It will no longer be a friendly place for a stroll with family or a run, scooter or bike ride.
2. Please keep the project as street surface replacement - no sidewalk or trail, and add the storm sewer to it. We would like our town environmental friendly by keeping those mature trees and also keeping bike trails away from residential area.
3. The spring creek walking path asphalt needs repairs due to heaving, potholes, cracks, and weeds growing up through the asphalt.
4. I hope the city gets a better contractor. The road (Ames St) in front of our house was redone before the last time Washington from Ames to Woodley was resurfaced + the pavement on Ames is in substantially better shape than the pavement on Washington. It seems pointless to put a median separated bike path on a dead end street. If the city is going to actually connect up Washington, then it makes more sense. And also given the level of traffic in Northfield painted bike lanes seem adequate, without the expense of putting in + maintaining the cement dividends. I haven't noticed stories about car/bike accident on any regular or frequent basis.
5. Our street docent get any bike traffic. We do NOT want to have a bike trail on our street. There's hardly anywhere to park to begin with! Property value will go down. No like trail on Maple either + hardly anyone uses the one by the school.

6. We have lots of ponding at the paved trail intersection behind our house.
7. I hope your not planning bikeways like were down on Maple St. These are terrible! I'd much rather see the 2 sections of gravel on Hall be paved so many new houses have been built out here and no work on that road. Please take care of that asap.
8. The proposed trail behind the homes on Archibald. 1. When will work start & end? 2. how close will path be to property line? 3. What will be cost to homeowners? 4. will the path connect with the present path? The present path does not extend behind my home when we bought our home, the neighbors on both sides stated that the path was supposed to be extended behind our houses to connect with Washington St & Division & that they had been assessed for the work/cost. We fear our privacy & Security will be compromised with this path requiring the cost of a work or fence.
9. Part of the sidewalk on Ford St E. could be lifted, there is significant ponding when it rains and creates a tripping hazard.
10. When you do resurface the streets, make sure that the sewer and storm drains are in good shape so that you don't have to fix them a year after repaving. Also, we need to fix the streets before putting in trails and bike paths. Bikers need to pay \$10 a year per bike to help pay for the bike trails and streets.
11. Thanks for planning these improvements. Makes this City much more livable for a retired/no car person.
12. Many people park on both sides of Maple St. during soccer games making the driving lanes very narrow. I'm concerned if a bike lane is added to Maple St. by the soccer fields, will there be enough parking for soccer tournaments? Will people still try to park on Maple even if there is a bike lane? I also have concerns about light pollution. The new streetlights at the corner of Superior Dr + Maple are extremely bright + obtrusive.
13. Please choose these projects carefully. My property tax burden is already enough, and sill vanity projects like bike lanes that nobody uses have wasted enough money. Northfield isn't Minneapolis you cant continuously tax and spend. The people have had enough and I look forward to voting every single council member out and the mayor.
14. Thank you for making the City AWESOME!!!
15. Stop more bike lanes!
16. This area does NOT need sidewalks or bike trails. This was grandfathered in for no sidewalks in 2001. The City tried once to shove this down our throat AND they still aren't needed! My taxes have went up just shy of \$400 in the last 2 years so NO MORE!! Besides the streets are narrow enough without putting in a bike lane! What part of grandfathered in do you people NOT understand. If you take out these 4 trees we will not have any shade from the west. Back in 2002 when power, water, new curb + gutters were put in we lost 2 big shade trees. We planted 3 new ones. Now you want to put in sidewalk and cut those 3 down. We have lived here for soon to be 50 years, on June 28, 1974. We planted the nice big white pine and our kids used to jump over it. Now you want to cut that down too in the name of a sidewalk. I am personally asking that you reconsider the project. As I said before this area has all been "grandfathered" for no sidewalks.
17. No to sidewalks. No to bike lanes, we are a dead end street.
18. We are NOT in favor of adding in more bike lanes especially on our street/neighborhood. It seems like it would cause more danger to our street + less parking.
19. I bike to work all yearlong and what makes my ride so dangerous is the potholes that are not getting fixed. I am totally against these trails that do not lead to anything. Taking down trees is no helping Northfield be carbon free - use the structure we already have. You will be disturbing a wild life area and a wetland area that is helping our neighborhood with heavy rains. We are in a flood plain that should not be disturbed.
20. We do not want bike trails or sidewalks. Why haven't the roads been fixed before I gets so bad that its now a big expense. Where is the street department. Don't know why we are filling out this survey - the city council doesn't listen to the tax payers anyway. The bike trails are maintained better than the streets - doesn't make a lot of sense. Have seen zero riders where there are new lanes - does that make sense?
21. We don't want trees removed on Maple St. a lot of people park on Maple St. using the Soccer fields. We don't want bicycle paths divided from main street with cement barriers like on other side of Maple (north). That's the dumbest thing we've ever seen.
22. Improved pedestrian crossing are Washington and Woodley is a good idea.
23. There are frequently many cars parked on Maple St. next to the soccer fields when games are being played. Trails installed on Maple street could interfere with this if the trail is on the existing road. I live on the corner of Superior and Harbor and I often see people blowing through the Harbor stop sign to get onto Superior. This could be a safety concern for a trail on Superior.
24. The bike path Ames to the south dead end on Washington seems unnecessary. The bikes can share the road as this is a quiet cul de sac. Similarly sidewalks don't need to be added.
25. There should be a four way stop sign at Jefferson Parkway and Maple St. New residential construction around this area has resulted in an increase in traffic and it has become a danger point for bikes and pedestrians.
26. Enough of these ridiculous bike trails that take up car lanes with the cement dividers!! I have barely seen bikers on Maple St unless it's the kids having fun on the dividers - dangerous !!! Currently when there's a soccer game along Maple St. Cars can park on both sides of the street with enough room for two way traffic easily. I could count on one hand the number of bikes I would be seeing that road most any given day!
27. To do either ped walkway or bike trail - example - Lincoln Ave So. Because of both have to drive over both sidewalk / bike lane and because of parking on other side of street, very hard to get out of driveway (too much concrete) Also - please look at T intersection at end of Lincoln Ave So. very dangerous - very fast cars coming thru.

**7. NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING COMMENT CARDS**

1. Our driveway is quite steep. If you shorten it to put in a sidewalk or bike trail it's very possible we wont be able to get up it into our garage. This is extremely horrible possibility. We also have a camper that we park on the street when we are getting it ready for trips, we need to hook it up to our electric and water. If you take away parking on our side of the street, you end our camping trips. This is serious stuff for you to consider. A sidewalk and/or bike trail is stupid on our dead end and the entire neighborhood as well as others not in the immediate neighborhood feel the same way. The possibility of our driveway not working out for us is very frightening! Suppose we could sell out cars and bike everywhere on he new bike paths!!!! Would be great in the winter. And during the wither there would be several times we wouldn't be able to get up a shortened and therefore steeper slippery driveway. We need contact from you to assess our driveway situation.

2. As a PhD statistician I am extremely disappointed that these decisions are being made without actual unbiased understanding of the desires of the community all samples appear biased so far. Also where is a proper explanation of the project from council pertaining rationale to the public
3. I moved to Northfield 2 years ago and purchased my house because location on a dead end with trees on front yard \*you will take a food chunk of my yard trees and my driveway for what? \*There are already existing paths west of us on Ames St. that could easily connect to facilitate continuous path. \* Street parking is another concern.
4. Thank you for your work
5. I am concerned about the space to park my vehicle and steepness of my driveway if part of my front lawn is converted to a bike path or sidewalk
6. We would like just curb and blacktop on our dead end street. No bike path. No sidewalk.
7. A bike path and/or sidewalk is unnecessary on the dead end of Washington St. The only traffic is those few houses that live there. Our kids don't need a sidewalk. No one wants to lose the trees lining the St. I do not want to lose my front yard and devalue my investment.
8. I really wish you would have had a clear presentation of the information. As it stands, people are angrily firing questions at the City reps and very little info about the overall project is being explained. I left.