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Hop on over to the annual egg hunt

The North Oaks Homeowner's Association is holding it's annual egg hunt from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at the West Rec Center located at 14 West Pleasant Lake Road. The hunt will happen in rain, sleet or snow. People are asked to bring their own basket or bag for eggs. Also, they are asked to bring a coffee mug/water bottle to honor North Oaks and be thoughtful to the



Design advancing for the Wilkinson Lake project

By Dawn Tanner

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In March, North Oaks News featured an article about the conceptual design and community meeting for a project to help improve Wilkinson Lake. At the community meeting, the preliminary design was presented and discussed. The preliminary design continues taking shape with input from permitting entities. Throughout this process, Houston Engineering is designing the size and contours of the restored wetland area to maximize pollutant reduction to Wilkinson Lake and improve habitat.

The highlight page from the preliminary design is included in this month's update.

More project information is available on the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management (VLAWMO) website at vlawmo.

org/projects. Check in for updates and to follow this important project as design work and construction planning continues.

Improving water quality in Wilkinson Lake is a priority for the VLAWMO and local and state partners as part of our participation in the small. priority watershed grant program that is administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) with funds from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Main project partners with VLAWMO include North Oaks Company/North Oaks Farms (NOC), Houston Engineering Inc., the Minnesota Land Trust, Barr Engineering, St. Paul Regional Water Services, SEH, and Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation Division.

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The figure shows main elements of the preliminary design by Houston Engineering for the upcoming project to improve Wilkinson Lake. Note that these plans are subject to change.