

**CITY OF MINNETRISTA**



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEM**

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**Subject:** Bayside Lane Drainage Update

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**Meeting Date:** March 16, 2026

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**Background/Discussion:**

Staff has been working to address the drainage issue at 925 Bayside Lane since June, 2025. In October, 2025 City Council direction was to move forward with the installation of a 4” pipe via trenchless technology within the drainage and utility easement on 880 and 890 Jennings Cove Road (Option 1 in Figure 1). The installation was put on hold due to cold weather.

In the meantime the owner of 890 Jennings Cove Road reached out to staff and the mayor in opposition of this pipe installation since it will be close to his well. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requires 20 feet separation between a well and storm pipe that is 12” diameter or larger. The proposed 4” pipe does not trigger the MDH separation requirement. This information was shared with the owner of 890 Jennings Cove Road however he asserts that the proposed 4” pipe could be an issue and intends to take legal action if the pipe is installed.

As shared previously with the council there are limited options to address the drainage issue at 925 Bayside Lane. The options staff considered are summarized in Figure 1.

**Council Action:**

Staff requests City Council direction.

**Mission Statement:**

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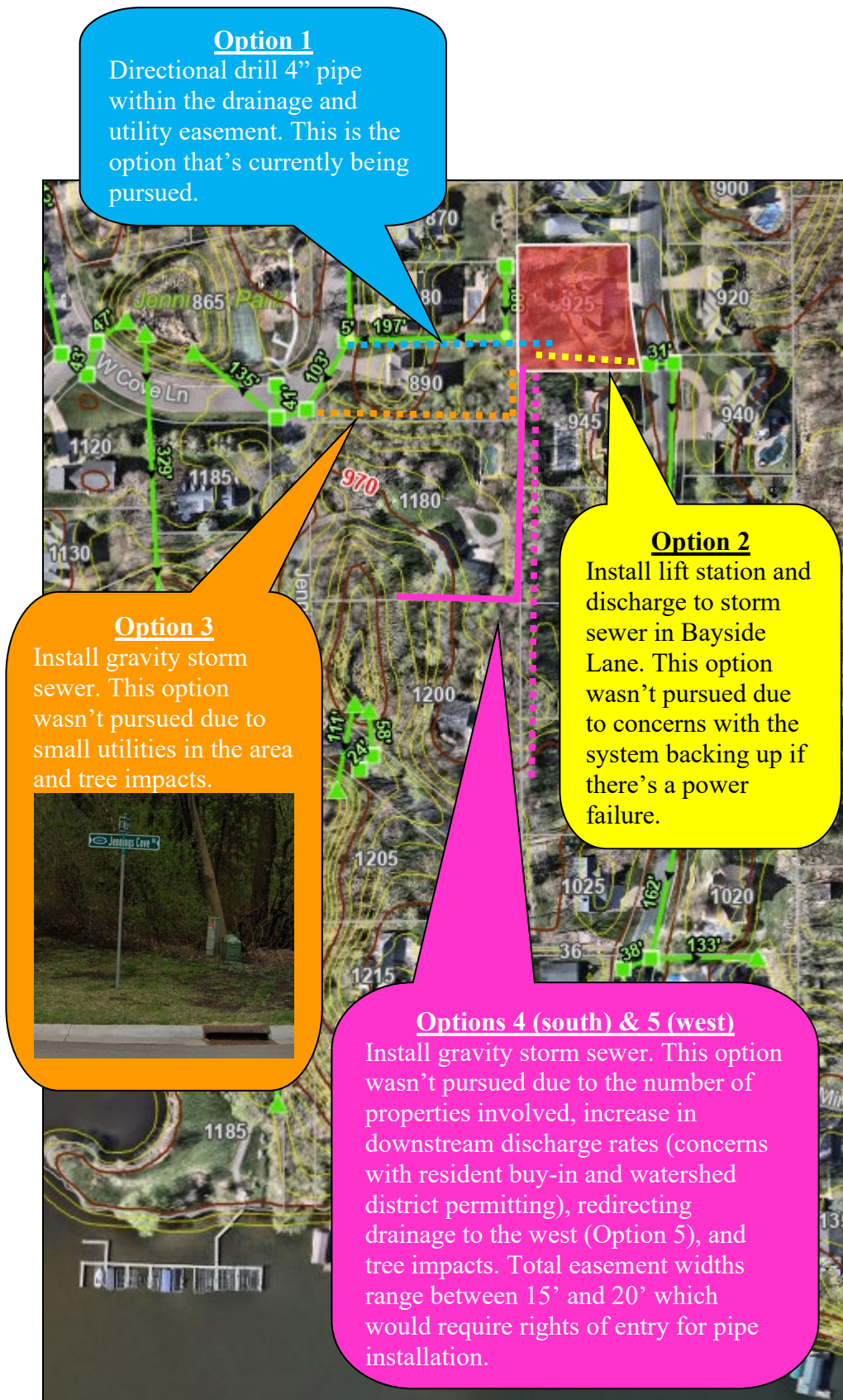


Figure 1. Options considered to address drainage issue at 925 Bayside Lane

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