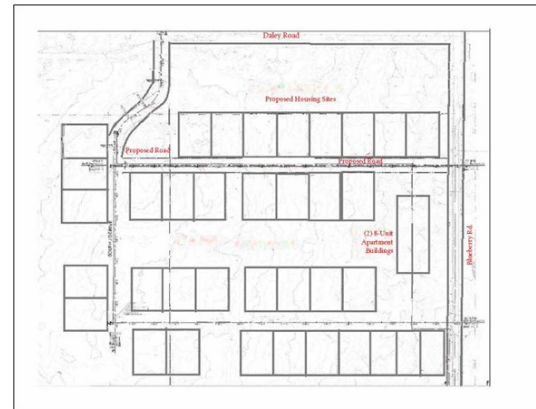




COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

➤➤➤ HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The community housing project located on Blueberry Road (former Shodeen property) is underway. DSGW from Duluth, MN is contracted for design and engineering of the site and homes. Preliminary design of roadways, utilities, and overall site layout are in progress. The site survey and wetland delineation have been completed this summer. Preliminary clearing of roadways and utility locations will begin this fall to facilitate the geotechnical evaluation. Design of individual housing units and apartment buildings is underway. Construction of roadways and housing units is likely to begin Spring/Summer 2024.



➤➤➤ ELDERLY HOUSING

The Tribal Council has committed \$2.5M toward this project. Red Cliff Chippewa Housing Authority applied for but was not awarded highly competitive funding for this project from HUD (Indian Housing Block Grant). Planning and RCCHA will continue to seek other sources of funding. A site has not been confirmed.

➤➤➤ LEASE SITE CLEANUP

Approximately seven lease sites have already undergone successful cleanup efforts, marking a crucial step towards restoring our natural surroundings. The project's momentum continues to grow, with plans to clean up an additional six sites scheduled for this upcoming fall through spring season. Additional lease site moratoriums and environmental assessments will be conducted prior to clean up of this next round of cleanup sites. This dedicated effort reflects the Environmental Department's commitment to environmental stewardship, fostering a healthier environment for our community and future generations.

➤➤➤ CHICAGO CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT

A feasibility study is ongoing to examine the most suitable approach to replacement of the failing culvert. This study will look at several possible alternatives including a traditional culvert, a concrete box culvert or a bridge. The field work has been completed and the study is scheduled for completion this year with the design phase to follow soon after.



➤➤➤ BLUEBERRY ROAD

BIA High Priority Project Funds awarded for resurfacing and site-specific safety improvements along Blueberry Road from Highway 13 to North Bradum Road. This will be in conjunction with the Chicago Creek culvert replacement project for a seamless project approach to addressing this major collector route.

➤➤➤ TRANSPORTATION FACILITY

Two plow trucks, a motor grader and wheel loader have been ordered and the purchase of the wheel excavator is scheduled to go before the Tribal Council on September 19th. The partial clearing of the site has been completed to allow for geotechnical survey to be completed and that report has been received back allowing our design team to finalize the schedule for releasing requests for bids on the construction of the new facility.

➤➤➤ NUZZO ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE / ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Northland Engineering from Duluth, MN has been contracted to complete the plans for this project. Utilities (water, sewer, electricity and fiber optic cable) under the footprint of the EMS and Cultural Center projects will be completed as part of those projects this Fall. Improvements to Nuzzo Road and the remaining utilities under this project will be completed in Spring 2024. No Contractor has been selected for the Road and utility improvements yet.

➤➤➤ FIBER TO HOME

Fathom Fire, CCI Systems, and O-Tech have been secured as Contractors for this project. Environmental Assessments are underway. Fiber has been delivered and planning for internet services is underway. Ground installation is scheduled to begin Mar-Apr 2024.

➤➤➤ ECC SOLAR PROJECT

Installation of photo-voltaic solar panels on the south roof of the ECC began in early August. All panels have been installed and all outside work has been completed. Installation of interior components, such as control panels and battery storage will begin in September. Expect the system to be online by the end of September.

➤➤➤ EMS FACILITY

Stack Brothers from Superior, WI was secured as the Contractor for the construction of the new EMS Facility located at 37100 St. HWY 13. Site clearing and site preparation has begun. Completion is scheduled for Winter 2023-24 with final site work (e.g., final paving of parking lot and access drive) in Spring 2024. Move in for EMS Facility will occur the beginning of 2024.



>>> POLICE STATION

Preliminary plans for police station have been completed. Site of proposed police station established next to EMS facility currently under construction. Pending US DOJ grant application for funding.

>>> HEALTH CENTER RETAINING WALL

Northland Engineering has been contracted to provide an engineering analysis of failing retaining wall and to complete plans for re-construction of wall. Engineering to be completed Fall 2023, with re-construction/repair to begin Spring 2024.

>>> CULTURAL CENTER

Black Wolf Construction from Bayfield/Washburn, WI was secured as the Contractor for the construction of the Cultural Center. Construction staking and layout of the building has been completed. Site work, excavation and concrete are expected to begin in September. Completion of the building and site are slated for Summer 2024. Design elements will be discussed with the General Contractor and the cultural center elder group at a future meeting to finalize colors, textures, and materials.

>>> WELLNESS FACILITY

The Phase 1 market analysis was completed in August. Community engagement presentations are tentatively scheduled for early October to get feedback on proposed facilities and services. Presentations will be held at elderly housing, the Bayfield School, and Legendary Waters.

>>> ECC BUS GARAGE / FENCING

Construction of a new bus garage and outdoor classrooms was wrapped up in August. The new bus garage will provide valuable room for the buses to be parked as well as much needed storage and work area for ECC maintenance. The one-way exit loop from the ECC parking lot got some asphalt patching and is re-opened for public use.

>>> BUFFALO BAY STORE

Negotiating with funding sources to complete design and construction of new store. Next steps will be securing an Architecture & Engineering (A&E) firm to complete plans for new store.