

Policy:

Stoney Lake and Siler Creek Dam Removal Policy

This policy is for any dam blown or removed on Siler Creek from the source of the creek at Stoney Lake to its mouth at the North Saskatchewan River.

If there is a complaint about a beaver dam on Siler Creek the County of St. Paul will assess the situation and see if there is problem with a dam. Other solutions to dam removal will be contemplated.

If it is deemed the dam must be removed it will be subject to an environmental review through a qualified company such as EnviroMak (18331 105 Ave Edmonton, Alberta T5S 2K9).

The company will decide what and if any action can be taken. The company will send out the notice to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans(DFO). The company will also decide if it is necessary to take readings on the amount of silt in the water for Alberta Environment. The company will also decide on the best time of year and whether a controlled release is necessary or a complete removal. If it is necessary a representative from the company, DFO or Alberta Environment may be present for the removal.

Easements will be obtained to enter any land needed to remove the dam as well as an agreement by the landowner to pay any applicable blasting fee to the County of St. Paul.

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Beaver Dam

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Any landowner downstream of the dam to be removed will be contacted with the date and time of the proposed removal at least 1 week prior to the removal. This contact will be done with a telephone call or in person. This will allow time for the affected landowners to contact the County with any concerns.

Every Effort will be taken to ensure every effected party is in agreement with the dam removal. Efforts will be taken to minimize damage or erosion caused downstream of any dam removal.

The dam removal or other measures taken will be monitored by the County to review its effectiveness for any subsequent problems on the creek.

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