

**May 2, 2017**  
**RE: Alley Reconstruction**

Dear neighbor,

Ackerberg and Big D are tremendously proud to be a part of a community like Highland Park, and we strive to be good neighbors during construction. We are notifying you that the alley behind your residence will be undergoing reconstruction starting next week in order to deliver improvements to the alley and to facilitate connection to the City's stormwater system.

At the start of construction, our intent was to run the stormwater into Pinehurst Ave and connect into Cleveland Ave. However, upon potholing to confirm elevations, we discovered that the elevations of the stormwater lines recorded by the City of Saint Paul did not match the actual elevations of the lines, rendering the stormwater plan infeasible. After working through a number of possible alternatives with our engineers and the City, we determined that the only feasible solution is to run the stormwater down the alley and connect in Finn Street.

The expected duration of this work is Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 19, weather permitting. During this time, the alley will be inaccessible from 7 AM to 7 PM. In order to minimize inconvenience, Big D will facilitate trash collection. Residents on the alley may leave their bins in the alley on their collection day. **Big D will take trash bins and recycling bins left in the alley to Finn Street for collection in the morning before pickup, and bring them back to their addresses after pickup.**

Although the typical process would be to simply patch the alley, as part of reconstruction we will be delivering a **brand new alley surface (see map)**. As part of the new alley, **we will be providing two new stormwater catch basins** to improve drainage and stormwater management.

We appreciate your patience during this time. For questions related to construction, schedule, or trash facilitation, please contact Big D's Job Superintendent Roy Groitzsch ([Roy.Groitzsch@Big-D.com](mailto:Roy.Groitzsch@Big-D.com) | 612.479.7000). For all other questions, please contact Parker Evans at Ackerberg ([ParkerEvans@ackerberg.com](mailto:ParkerEvans@ackerberg.com) | 612.924.6487).

Sincerely,

*The Ackerberg Group & Big D Construction*