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CITY TO HOST PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETING TO SHARE DETAILS OF PLANNED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION IN NORTHWEST NORFOLK

NORFOLK, NE – The City of Norfolk is hosting a public open house meeting to share the preliminary design plans of a sanitary sewer extension project in northwest Norfolk. The open house will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center, 701 East Benjamin Avenue.

This sanitary sewer extension project is one of the many projects the city is working on to resolve Norfolk's housing shortage by providing necessary sanitary sewer infrastructure that will support residential development. A recent housing study demonstrates that more than 700 housing units are needed to meet current and future growth opportunities in the community. The city's 2017 comprehensive plan update indicated that northwest Norfolk will be a targeted area for additional residential development.

Property owners in the project area have been involved in this project since the beginning of the design process. A key step of the design process was surveying properties to determine a preferred route of the sewer extension. Involving property owners in this process has helped the design team try to minimize the inconvenience of construction and avoid existing structures along the preferred route.

At the public open house meeting on February 7, 2018, community members will have the opportunity to learn more about the planned sanitary sewer extension, review the draft plans, and provide written comments before the design is finalized. Members of the public can spend as much or as little time as they like at the meeting, where city representatives, business leaders, and project consultants will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.