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Dear Resident

As you may be aware the existing wall adjacent to the channel near Spring Harbor Boat launch has recently failed. The wall itself had been compromised during the August flooding and an attempt to fix it caused the wall to break and fall. Upon further investigation the wall had been severely undermined during the heavy rain events this summer and no longer has the proper foundation to support the wall. This lack of foundation materials has caused the wall to settle, crack and overturn.

City Engineering is working with a contractor (R.G. Huston) to install temporary sheeting that is needed to keep the shore and slope from failing and sliding into the water. Because the wall has shown signs of continued movement a portion the existing concrete retaining wall will need to be removed. If the wall and slopes are too unstable the contractor will determine if there is a way to anchor the existing concrete wall back into the shore.

This work will start immediately with heavy equipment moving into the site on October 30th. Sheeting installation is expected to start on or around November 1st. Due to the nature of the activities please expect noise impacts from the construction equipment. Permanent improvements will be constructed next year after proper structural engineering and design have been completed.

If you have questions regarding this work please contact Janet Schmidt at jschmidt@cityofmadison.com.