

## 'Vital' public meeting on stormwater study is May 28

The second community meeting on the Stormwater Management and Flood Mitigation Study is set for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 28 at Prior Lake City Hall, 4646 Dakota St.

The 7-month study resulted from the 2014 flood in the area and is led by the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed

District, the city of Prior Lake and Spring Lake Township. Barr Engineering has been hired to manage the project.

A watershed model has been created, using the most current data available. It allows the district to stimulate what will happen during significant flood events for different scenarios. To properly

weigh the costs against the benefits of different stormwater management strategies, a matrix has been developed to help guide the public and decision makers through the process.

Public feedback at the meeting is vital since the model is being finalized and alternatives are being stud-

ied, watershed district officials say.

A draft implementation plan will be reviewed at the third and final community meeting to be set for August.

A major outcome of the study will be the development of an implementation plan with projects identified to mitigate future flooding.