

# BRIEFING

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# BLOOMINGTON Forward

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY



## BLOOMINGTON FORWARD AT A GLANCE

On Tuesday, November 7, Bloomington voters will consider a half-percent local option sales tax to finance \$155 million in bonds to pay for three projects. They include:

### NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

**Need:** Creekside Community Center and the Public Health building are obsolete and do not meet the needs of the communities they serve.

**Benefits:** Combining them into a new community health and wellness center would provide a more effective environment to deliver vital health, fitness and recreational services, senior programs and social activities. The new facility would be where Creekside is now, 9801 Penn Avenue South.

**Cost:** \$101.8 million. (The City has already received approval of \$1.8 million from the State of Minnesota for predesign work.)

### BLOOMINGTON ICE GARDEN RENOVATION

**Need:** This popular facility needs modernization and major updates to mechanical systems, including refrigeration for all three ice sheets.

**Benefits:** The upgrade would improve guest experience and make it possible to continue ice rental and hosting dozens of tournaments and figure skating events annually.

**Cost:** \$37.27 million. (The City has already received approval of \$2.27 million from the State of Minnesota for predesign work.)

### NINE MILE CREEK CORRIDOR RENEWAL

**Need:** The Nine Mile Creek corridor is vulnerable. If approved, the sales tax would provide critical investments to enhance and preserve the corridor by restoring riverbanks, wetlands and wooded areas, protecting habitat and removing invasive species. Other improvements would include outdoor recreation amenities, such as an outdoor gathering space at Moir Park, and improved accessibility.

**Benefits:** Any investment to enhance trail access needs to be balanced with the commitment to preserve the corridor and protect the safety and enjoyment of all users. If funding is approved by voters in November, residents would be engaged to help determine the exact improvements for the corridor.

**Cost:** \$20 million.

## SALES TAX VERSUS PROPERTY TAX

BLOOMINGTON FORWARD INVESTMENT: \$155 MILLION

0.5% SALES TAX  
(PROPOSED)



PROPERTY TAX  
(RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL)



BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD PAY

NON-BLOOMINGTON RESIDENTS WOULD PAY

100%

\$155 million

0%

The State of Minnesota is providing \$4 million for these projects, making the total investment \$159 million. This illustration includes the latest data, as of September 15, from the University of Minnesota Extension.

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