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CITY OF FOLEY ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FUNDING TO SEAL UNUSED WELLS

Foley, Minn. – Feb. 23, 2017 – The City of Foley has completed the well head protection planning process and received notice from the Minnesota Department of Health that the submitted plan has been approved on Aug. 26, 2015. A copy of this plan and the boundaries for the protection areas are available at city hall or on the city of Foley website at ci.foley.mn.us/departments/public-works/wellhead-protection-plan/.

The City is eligible for funding from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to seal wells located within this boundary. If you are interested in having your well sealed, at no cost to you other than the filing fee for MDH, please contact Mark Pappenfus, Public Works Director at foleypwks@cloudnet.com or 320-968-4082.

You will need to submit two estimates for the grant application. Your well will be sealed at no cost to you if the city receives funding. We are planning to apply for this grant in 2017. This is offered to you to remove a potential contaminant source from the aquifer supplying the public water supply wells.

If you'd like a well sealed and live outside the area, fifty-percent funding is available through the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District. Brochures are available at Foley City Hall or the library with information on wells, well maintenance and well sealing.

Foley, Minn. is the County Seat of Benton County, a rural community located 50 minutes north of Minneapolis and St. Paul and 15 minutes northeast of St. Cloud, Minn. Living in Foley offers a small town atmosphere along with many recreational opportunities, including two city parks, a skateboard park, golf course, a municipal swimming pool and walking trail. Foley has a population of more than 2,600.