



July 23, 2019

Dear Urban Wildland Half Marathon Participants:

The City of Richfield experienced two rain events last week that resulted in over 4" of water, which equates to approximately 4' of an increased water level at Wood Lake Nature Center. Currently, the race course winds through the nature center, which has over a foot of water in sections of the course. We have had three pumps working around the clock for the past week, and we are confident the course will not be dry in time for Saturday's half marathon. We are extremely disappointed and apologize for not being able to offer our new certified half-marathon course. Our team of race organizers, with staff from Richfield Public Safety, Fire, Public Works, and Recreation, has made the collective decision, in light of runner safety, to cancel the new certified half marathon course and offer an alternative half marathon route.

We will offer a modified out-and-back race course that will showcase Richfield's beautiful parks and neighborhoods and will still offer runners a half-marathon distance, although the course will not be certified. We've determined that this is the safest way to provide runners with the highest quality event possible. The 5K course will not be affected.

The turnaround point of the out-and-back half marathon course will be in Augsburg Park. Course marshals and flagging will be posted at this point to ensure that runners have clear direction for this turnaround.

For stretches of the course, outbound runners will have one lane and inbound runners will have a separate lane. Extra course marshals, signage, and traffic control will be on hand to direct runners. For the stretches where outbound and inbound runners share a lane, runners are asked to keep to the **right** to ensure traffic flow and safety.

As runners finish, they will receive a beautiful finisher medal and an official 2019 race shirt. There will be no refunds issued; all proceeds cover expenses of the event and benefit the environmental education program at Wood Lake Nature Center.

We will have an updated course map available to all participants later in the week. We appreciate your understanding and we look forward to seeing everyone race day!

Sincerely,

Amy Markle
Race Director