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Dear Neighbor,

Austin Water, in collaboration with the Austin Fire Department, is beginning a wildfire mitigation project on land surrounding the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant. Work is scheduled to begin this month.

The City's contractor, Unity Contractor Services, will clear underbrush and lower limbs up to 8 feet high to create a Shaded Fuel Break along perimeters of the property shown on the attached map. Crews will generally work in a 50-foot wide area from the property boundary.

A Shaded Fuel Break is a management strategy used for mitigating the threat of wildfire. They are intended to reduce the severity and rate of spread of a wildfire and allow for more effective wildfire suppression, while still providing a valuable ecosystem on public land.

During the work, trimmings will be chipped and removed from the site. In some cases, small trees with a trunk diameter less than 4-inches may need to be removed if the majority of their limbs are in the trimming zone, which is below 8 feet high.

Concern regarding wildfires is shared by homeowners, fire departments, and natural resource managers. This type of mitigation work is an important tool in the tool box, but the most important thing homeowners can do is to take appropriate measures on their property using Firewise principles. For more information visit: **atxwildfire.org**.

If you have questions or concerns during the work, please contact the City of Austin Construction Services Inspector, Logan Gillam at 936-520-3938.

To stay up to date on projects at Ullrich Water Treatment Plant, please visit **austintexas.gov/ullrich** and sign up to receive updates by email.

Sincerely,

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