

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Thank you for subscribing to monthly updates for the West Chicago Stormwater Improvement Project!

Throughout the next two years, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) will make a significant infrastructure upgrade in your neighborhood called the “West Chicago Stormwater Improvement Project.” This important project will help reduce the risk of basement backups, street flooding and improve water quality within the Rouge River. This will be done by removing stormwater from the current sewers and rerouting it directly to the river. DWSD is currently completing a similar project down the street in the Far West neighborhood near Warren Avenue. Our Contractor for this project Major Contracting which is headquartered in Detroit.

To learn more about the project, please see the presentation provided at the West Outer Drive Civic Association meeting in September - <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/water-and-sewerage-department/dwsd-projects/west-chicago-stormwater-improvement-project>.

Throughout construction, DWSD will use this email format to send monthly updates on the construction progress and notices for our quarterly in-person construction meetings.

Where will work occur during the project?

Work will occur in phases through the majority of the neighborhood south of Plymouth Road with the most significant construction on West Chicago, West Outer Drive, West Parkway and Bramell. **Construction activity will vary by street and any house impacted will be provided a flyer in advance of work beginning on their block with the details of impact and timeline.**



When and where will the project start?

The project is expected to begin in late October. Major Contracting will begin sewer installation on West Outer Drive in the northbound lanes. During that time, two-way traffic will be maintained in the southbound lanes and residents who live on West Outer Drive will have full driveway access.



Informational meetings and learning more about the project

DWSD will host quarterly update meetings to keep residents informed about the project, answer questions and address concerns raised by the community. On September 9, 2024, members of the DWSD project team attended a meeting with the West Outer Drive Civic Association and presented on the project's purpose, schedule and locations of work. The presentation is on DWSD's website: <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/water-and-sewerage-department/dwsd-projects/west-chicago-stormwater-improvement-project>.



Thank You!

We know construction projects can be messy, dirty, and noisy. The work can also be inconvenient for our residents as you move to and from your homes. **DWSD understands this and appreciates your patience throughout this process as we work to upgrade the infrastructure in your neighborhood.**

DWSD is available to answer your questions or concerns regarding construction in the West Outer Drive neighborhood. If you have a question, please call us at 313-880-2812 or [email us at dwsd-publicaffairs@detroitmi.gov](mailto:dwsd-publicaffairs@detroitmi.gov).

WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT

During construction it is DWSD's intention to minimize inconveniences to residents and businesses. However, you should expect the following:

WATER SYSTEM



Brief interruptions of water supply when a new service line is being connected to the system. Every attempt will be made to inform impacted residents and businesses prior to disruption and service is generally restored the same day. Please contact DWSD Customer Care if you do not have water service for more than six hours or overnight.



Water main work may require some hydrants to be out of service intermittently. These hydrants will be tagged as out of service and DWSD will coordinate with the Detroit Fire Department with up-to-date information.

SEWER SYSTEM



You will be notified when your sewer connection will be temporarily plugged. During this time, your sewer system should not be used. Don't use toilets(s), sinks, bathtub/shower, basement drains, dishwasher and clothes washer. This is to prevent backups into your home. You will be notified when your sewer line is safe to use. During this time you will have access to running water.



Contractors working on sewer pipelines will need to access manholes in backyards and alleys. All manholes need to be accessible – free of vegetation, fencing or other objects. Lawns, cement, fences and other property in the sewer right-of-way may be disturbed. Contractors will return to restore property. Temporary restorations may occur before permanent work is completed during April - October when weather permits.



The community may experience an odor during sewer construction activities.



Contractors will have large trucks and heavy equipment. For the safety of everyone in the neighborhood, please keep a safe distance from all machinery.



Construction will bring some noise, dirt and debris to the neighborhood.



There may be traffic impediments, but residents and businesses will have access. You should also expect street closures and restrictions to street parking during construction. Please try to avoid parking on impacted streets.



Lawns, sidewalks and driveways may be disturbed. Contractors will return to restore property. Temporary restorations may occur before permanent work is completed during April – October when weather permits.



To perform work, contractors may need to trim or cut trees and brush to access streets and alleys.