

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE JANUARY 2025

What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Construction of the West Chicago Stormwater Improvement Project continues! The Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) and its contractor, Major Contracting Group (Major), are constructing this project to reduce basement backups, street flooding, and improve water quality within the Rouge River.

West Outer Drive Construction

Sewer installation along West Outer Drive is complete. Two-way traffic will continue in the southbound lanes until it is warm enough to restore the northbound lanes this spring.

Upcoming West Parkway Construction

In December, trees were removed along West Parkway, south of West Chicago in anticipation of sewer installation in the area, which is likely to start in February. **During installation, the northbound lanes of West Parkway from Dover to West Chicago will be closed, with only local traffic permitted.** Occasionally, areas of the road will be fully closed, and residents will be directed to use Meadow Park as a detour. Please follow all traffic signs during construction. Residents who live along West Parkway, south of West Chicago have been notified of construction with door hanger notices. Construction will bring some noise, dirt, and debris to the neighborhood, but guidelines are in place to minimize impact to residents. DWSD inspectors will monitor the project daily.

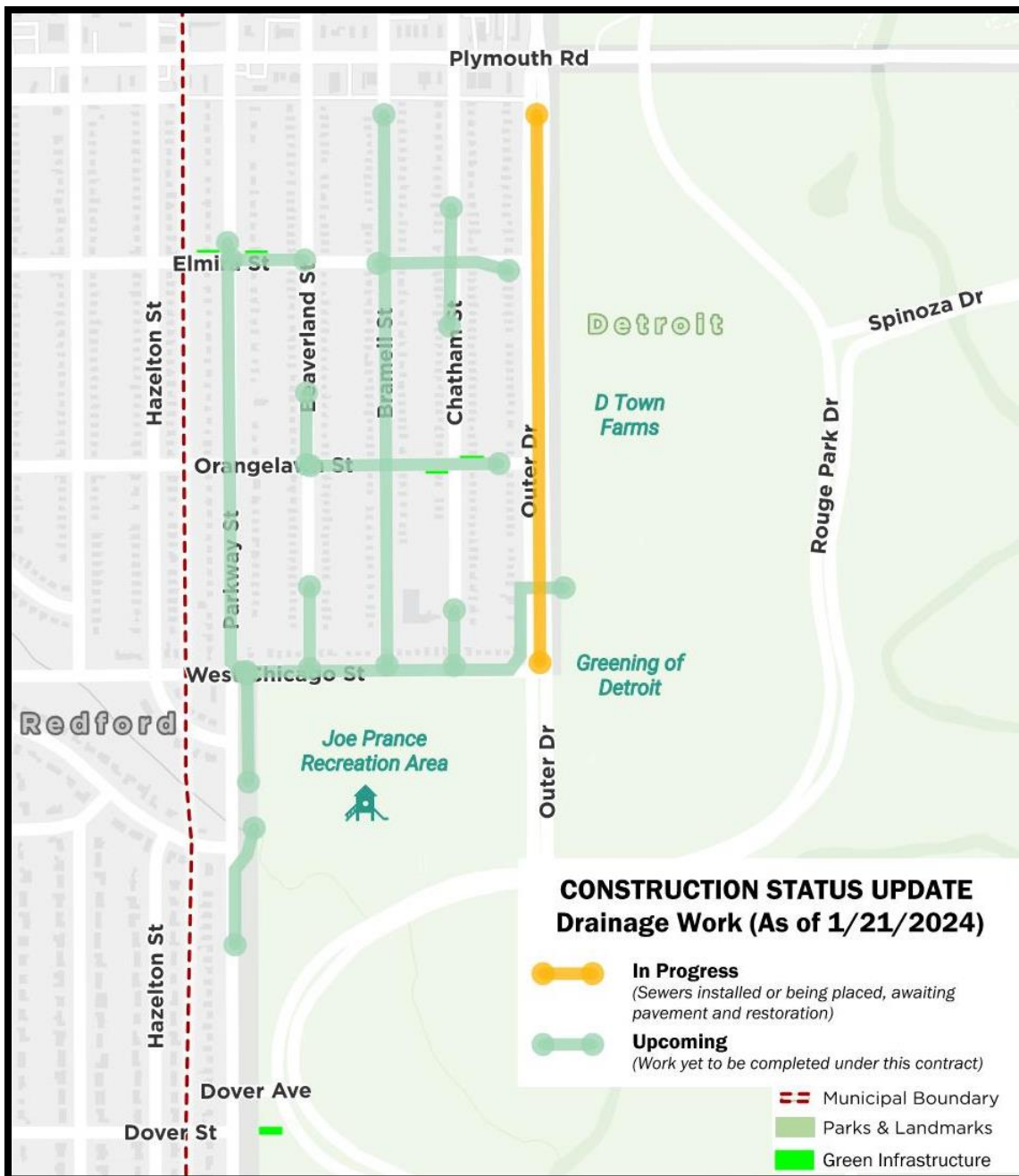


Downspout Disconnections

DWSD contractor, OHM Advisors, will begin inspecting all homes within the neighborhood in February to identify residential downspouts that can be disconnected from the combined sewer. Downspouts are the pipes that carry water from your roof's gutters to the ground. This modification will redirect rainfall and snowmelt to landscaped or grass areas in your front yard and backyard. If it is confirmed that your downspouts are connected, you will receive a door hanger notice with a phone number to call to schedule an appointment for disconnection. There is no cost to homeowners for this work and it is required by State law.

When and Where Will the Remaining Project Work Occur?

The project will occur in phases with the most significant construction occurring on West Outer Drive, West Parkway, West Chicago and Bramell. **Work will vary by block and impacted houses will be provided a flyer in advance of construction with details of the work and timeline.**



Stay Updated

Details regarding the project purpose, schedule and locations of work can be found on DWSD's website: <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/water-and-sewerage-department/dwsd-projects/west-chicago-stormwater-improvement-project>.

There are several ways that you can stay up to date on the West Chicago Stormwater Improvement Project.

- **Online Updates** - Thanks for joining our e-newsletter list. Your neighbors can join our distribution list by sending their name and address to dwsd-publicaffairs@detroitmi.gov. DWSD sends monthly newsletters to this list serv with key project updates. Project updates are also posted on Nextdoor and the [project webpage](#).
- **Phone** - Report any concerns to the Public Affairs Construction Line: 313-880-2812
- **Attend Project Progress Meetings** - DWSD hosts neighborhood-wide update meetings to keep residents informed about the project and answer questions. Meeting notices are sent through the email list, Nextdoor and door hangers are distributed to the entire 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).

Thank You!

WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT

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



Contractors will have large trucks and heavy equipment. For the safety of everyone in the neighborhood, please keep a safe distance from all machinery. During non-working hours, equipment may be parked in a lot with owner approval or the right-of-way.



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, 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.