



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

April 2024

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) continues to make construction progress on improvements in your neighborhood. DWSD thanks the community for your patience and support as we work hard to improve your neighborhood. DWSD has the following update on our project in the Far West Detroit neighborhood.

Quarterly Community Meeting on May 16 - Save the Date!

DWSD's next quarterly neighborhood-wide update meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 16 at the Ann Arbor Trail Magnet School located at 7635 Chatham, Detroit, MI. 48239. The quarterly meetings are an opportunity for residents to hear a project update and ask questions from the DWSD team and contractors. The meeting will be held outdoors on the school lawn near Tireman. If it rains, the meeting will be moved inside the school building. Door hanger notifications will be delivered with the meeting information. Please also reminder your neighbors to attend!

Current Work

Sawyer Street Construction:

The project contractor, Major Contracting, has been installing storm sewer along Sawyer, along with drainage inlets and smaller lateral pipes at the intersections. Construction is going westward and is approaching West Parkway. The contractor has also started road reconstruction on the east end of Sawyer at Parkland and will work west towards West Parkway once the storm sewer installation is complete. Intersections on Sawyer will remain open to local traffic traveling north and south on the intersecting roads, with occasional full closure of intersections when the road crews are actively working in them.

DWSD has continued to coordinate with the Ann Arbor Trail Magnet School to help ensure that parents, students, and teachers have easy access to the building and parking lot. During the time Sawyer is being reconstructed on the south side of the school, pick up and drop off access will be maintained down Chatham from Tireman.

South Basin Earthwork:

The contractor has started spreading topsoil in preparation for planting trees, shrubs, and seed, which will take place in the coming weeks. The area east of Outer Drive will also be topsoiled and planted this spring or early summer. The bike path along the east shoulder of Outer Drive will be restored following completion of all landscaping work.

Parkland Street Water Main:

Water main replacement work on Parkland Street between West Warren and Tireman is underway, under a separate DWSD contract. It is anticipated that this project will be complete by early fall.

Belton and West Parkway Sewer:

In late 2023, the contractor began installing storm sewer along Belton between Parkland and West Parkway. Work was suspended in November due to cold weather and a DTE gas main conflict. Earlier this spring, DTE completed relocation of the conflicting gas main. Our contractor is scheduled to return in late May to install the storm sewer on West Parkway between Tireman and Parkland.

Prior to starting these items of work, affected residents will receive written information distributed to adjacent homes. This will provide more details on the duration and impacts of the work.



Map showing current and upcoming work on West Parkway, Belton, Sawyer, and Parkland.



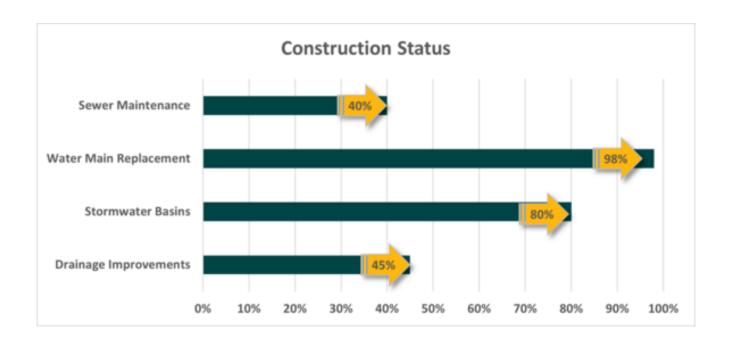
Storm sewer pipe installation on Sawyer Street.

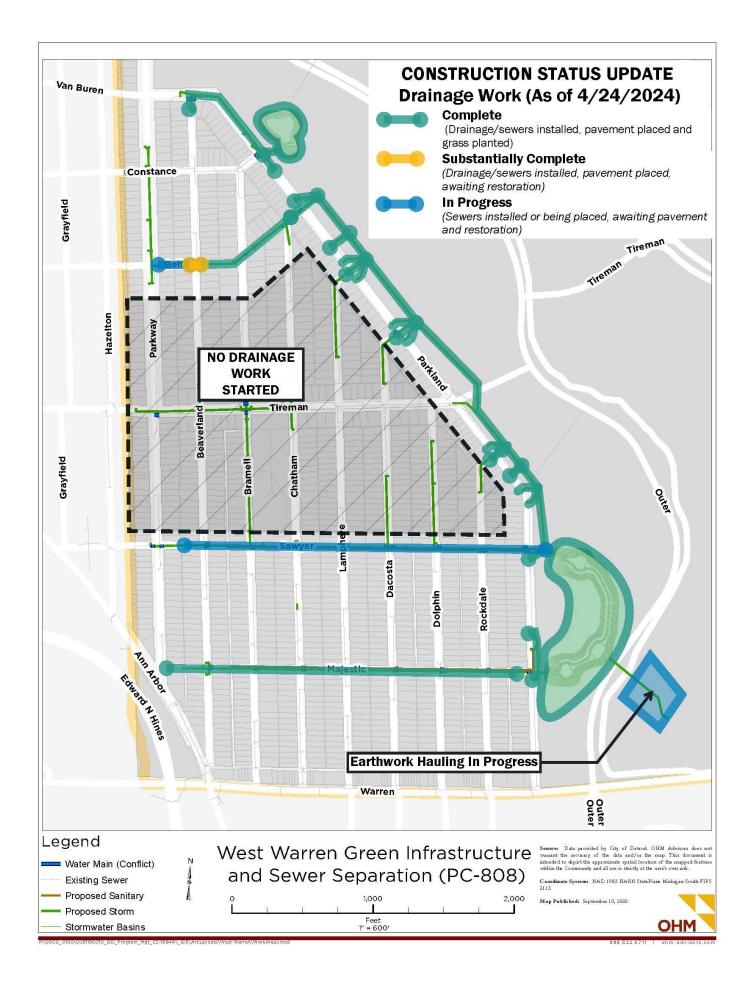
Road reconstruction work on the east end of Sawyer Street.

Completed Work

The project began in Spring 2022 and is expected to be completed in Fall 2026. Key milestones are noted below.

- The planned water main installations throughout the neighborhood are complete (note that additional work on Parkland is underway under a separate contract).
- Storm sewer along Majestic, Parkland, and Belton (to Beaverland) is complete. Combined sewer and storm sewer on Sawyer is nearly complete.
- The north and south stormwater basins have been graded and restored. Landscaping in the park area around the basins will take place this spring.





Stay Engaged

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

- Updates via Email -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 our Project Progress Meetings DWSD hosts quarterly neighborhood-wide update
 meetings. Meeting notices are sent through the email list Nextdoor, and door hangers are
 distributed to the entire neighborhood.

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 Far West Detroit. If you have a question, please call us at 313-880-2812 or <a href="mailto:e

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.