

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

March 2024

The mild winter has allowed the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) to make progress on the ongoing improvements being constructed in your neighborhood. DWSD has the following update on our project in the Far West Detroit neighborhood.

Current Work

Sawyer Street Construction: The DWSD contractor, Major Contracting, completed installation of the new sanitary sewer along Sawyer in February. The contractor followed this work with installation of the new storm sewer system at the intersection of Parkland and Sawyer at the end of February and began moving westward on Sawyer towards West Parkway.

Once the contractor reaches the intersection of Bramell and Sawyer, they will begin preparing the eastern portion of Sawyer for restoration. Preparing for restoration while the remaining storm sewer is installed reduces the amount of time that Sawyer is impacted. **To facilitate this work, the contractor will adjust their haul route to go north on Bramell from Sawyer to Tireman and then east on Tireman from Bramell to Outer Drive.** This new haul route is expected to begin April 1 and continue through the end of June.

Installation of the storm sewer is expected to be complete by end of April and full road restoration on Sawyer is expected to be complete by the end of June.

DWSD has been coordinating with the Ann Arbor Trail Magnet School as construction nears to help ensure that parents, students, and teachers have easy access to the building and parking lot. While construction occurs along Sawyer in front of the school, pick up and drop off access will be maintained from Tireman to the north.

South Basin Earthwork: The grading in Rouge Park is almost complete. The contractor will begin spreading topsoil and planting and seeding impacted areas early this spring. DWSD is coordinating with the City of Detroit General Services Department (GSD) and Friends of Rouge Park (FORP) to ensure the pathway along Outer Drive is restored as soon as practicable.

Parkland Street Water Main: Water main replacement on Parkland Street between West Warren and Tireman will occur this year. This portion of water main was not originally scheduled for replacement. However, based on the number of breaks and the impacts to residents, DWSD has added this section of water main to its replacement schedule under a separate contract. DWSD is currently coordinating with the contractor, Lakeshore Global Contracting (LGC). Traffic control along Parkland is being installed this week, and work along the west side of the Parkland in the berm and sidewalk area is scheduled to begin next week, starting at the intersection of Parkland and Sawyer.

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.

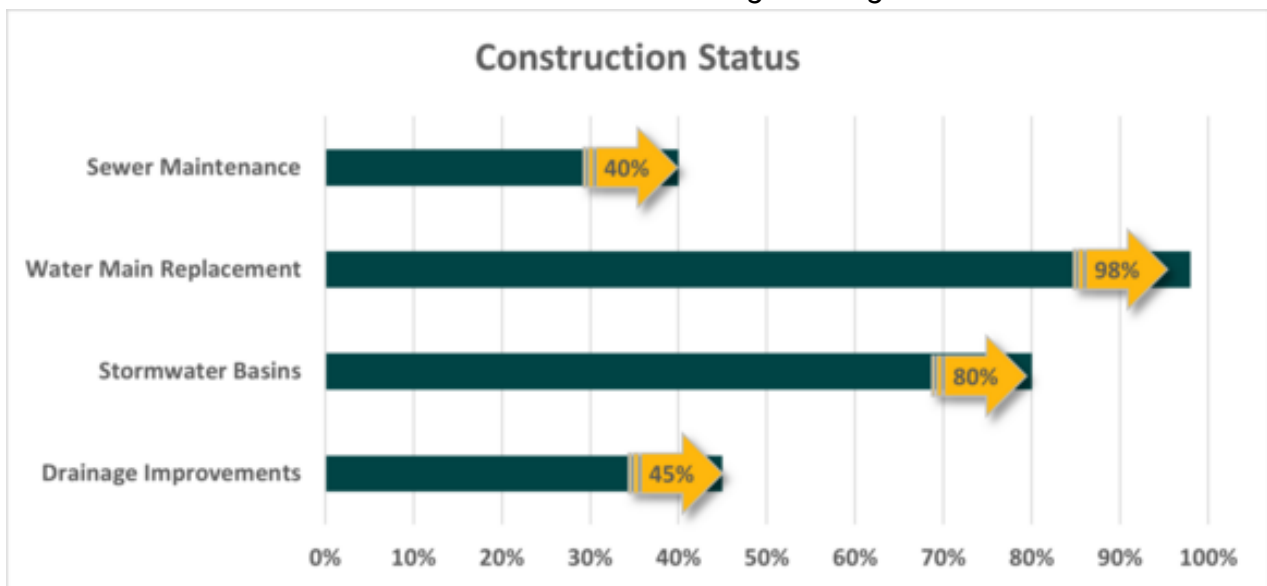


Map showing current and upcoming work on West Parkway, Belton, Sawyer, and Parkland.

Completed Work

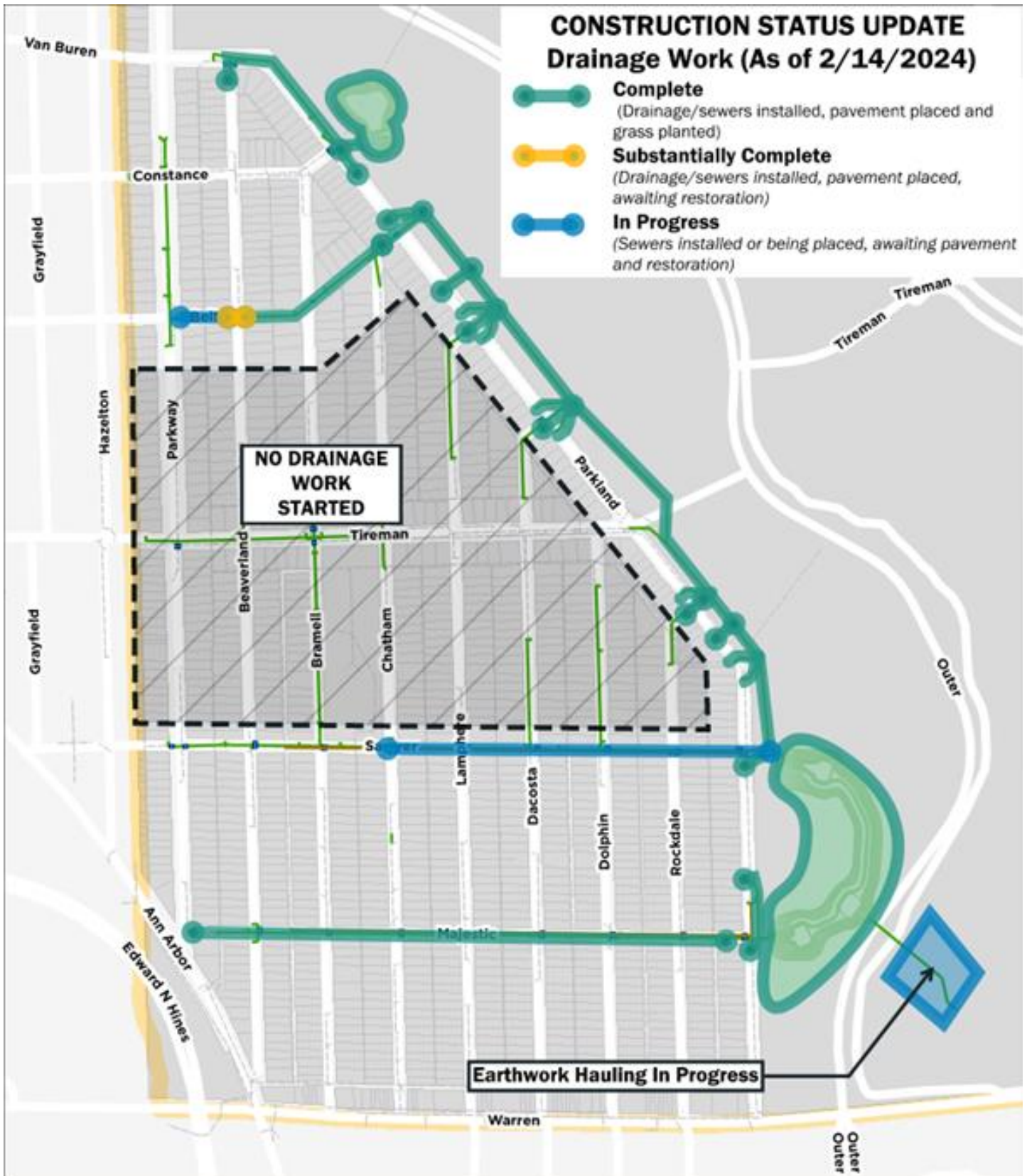
The project began in Spring 2022 and is expected to be completed in Fall 2026. Key milestones are noted below.

- The planned water main installations throughout the neighborhood are complete (note that additional work on Parkland will occur this year).
- Storm sewer along Majestic, Parkland, and Belton (to Beaverland) is complete.
- The north and south stormwater basins have been graded and restored. The areas surrounding the south basin are still under construction awaiting seeding and tree restoration.



CONSTRUCTION STATUS UPDATE Drainage Work (As of 2/14/2024)

-  **Complete**
(Drainage/sewers installed, pavement placed and grass planted)
-  **Substantially Complete**
(Drainage/sewers installed, pavement placed, awaiting restoration)
-  **In Progress**
(Sewers installed or being placed, awaiting pavement and restoration)



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 [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	SEWER SYSTEM
 <p>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.</p>	 <p>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.</p>
 <p>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.</p>	 <p>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.</p>
 <p>Contractors will have large trucks and heavy equipment. For the safety of everyone in the neighborhood, please keep a safe distance from all machinery.</p>	 <p>The community may experience an odor during sewer construction activities.</p>
 <p>Construction will bring some noise, dirt and debris to the neighborhood.</p>	
 <p>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.</p>	
 <p>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.</p>	
 <p>To perform work, contractors may need to trim or cut trees and brush to access streets and alleys.</p>	