

# BASEMENT BACKUP PROTECTION PROGRAM



Homeowners in 11 Detroit neighborhoods that have historically experienced basement backups during rain events are eligible to apply for this program.

## WHAT THE PROGRAM COVERS

The City of Detroit's **Basement Backup Protection Program** will provide customized services for each eligible home based on need, and includes assessments by the City inspector and licensed plumber determined by the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD). Participating homeowners\*, including landlords, have the following menu of services:

- Camera inspection of sewer lateral service line
- Disconnect downspouts and install extensions three feet from foundation
- Install backwater valve only if lateral is in viable condition
- Install sump pump on properties where possible
- Install backwater valve and sump pump with overflow

\*If water bill arrears exist, the account holder must agree to enroll into a payment plan or low-income assistance program.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE

The program is open to homeowners of single-family houses, two-family flats and duplexes in the following targeted areas:

- **Phase 1** – Victoria Park and Aviation Sub; work will begin in Spring 2022.
- **Phase 2** - Neighborhoods with historic occurrences of basement backups during rain events based on DWSD's service requests and claim data (see map at right); work will begin in Summer 2022 and end by Dec. 2024.

Phase 1

Phase 2

## DEPOSIT REQUIRED UNLESS INCOME ELIGIBLE

Homeowner occupants must make a deposit of 10% of the cost, landlords 20%. Low-income homeowners can have deposit waived if enrolled in WRAP.

## FUNDING

The program is solely funded by the Detroit Future Fund, which is made possible by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

## WRAP

Residents enrolled in the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) are exempt from the 10% deposit. Households can income qualify at 200% of the federal poverty level, which is \$54,000 maximum annual income for a family of four, for example. The WRAP benefits include:

- \$25 monthly bill credit for two years or lifetime for enrolled seniors, persons with disabilities and Veterans
- \$2,000 maximum credit over two years to pay down past due balance
- \$1,500 in minor home plumbing repairs to reduce high water usage

# TAKE PART

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