

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### January 2024

Happy new year! This month marks one and a half years since the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began construction on the Far West Detroit Stormwater Improvement Project. DWSD looks forward to a year of continued construction progress and improvements for your neighborhood. As always, DWSD thanks the community for both its patience and support as we complete this work. DWSD has the following update on our project in the Far West Detroit neighborhood.

### Current Work

**Sawyer Street Construction:** Earlier this month, DWSD's contractor began work along Sawyer Street installing a new combined sewer. Construction is currently at the intersection of Sawyer and Parkland Streets. From here, work will head west towards West Parkway. During this time, Sawyer Street will be open to through traffic only. DWSD will be working 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.

**South Basin Earthwork:** The contractor is removing the excess excavated soils from the stockpile located east of Outer Drive in Rouge Park. This area will be graded with grass seeding in the spring. This work will also involve restoring the bike path impacted by the sewer construction.

**Parkland Street Water Main:** Water main replacement on Parkland between Dolphin and Rockdale and Sawyer and West Warren will begin on February 5, starting near at West Warren and heading north towards Tireman. 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. The water main on Parkland from Rockdale to Sawyer was replaced in June 2023.

**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. DWSD anticipates the gas main will be relocated in early spring which will allow work to resume on Belton and West Parkway.

**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.

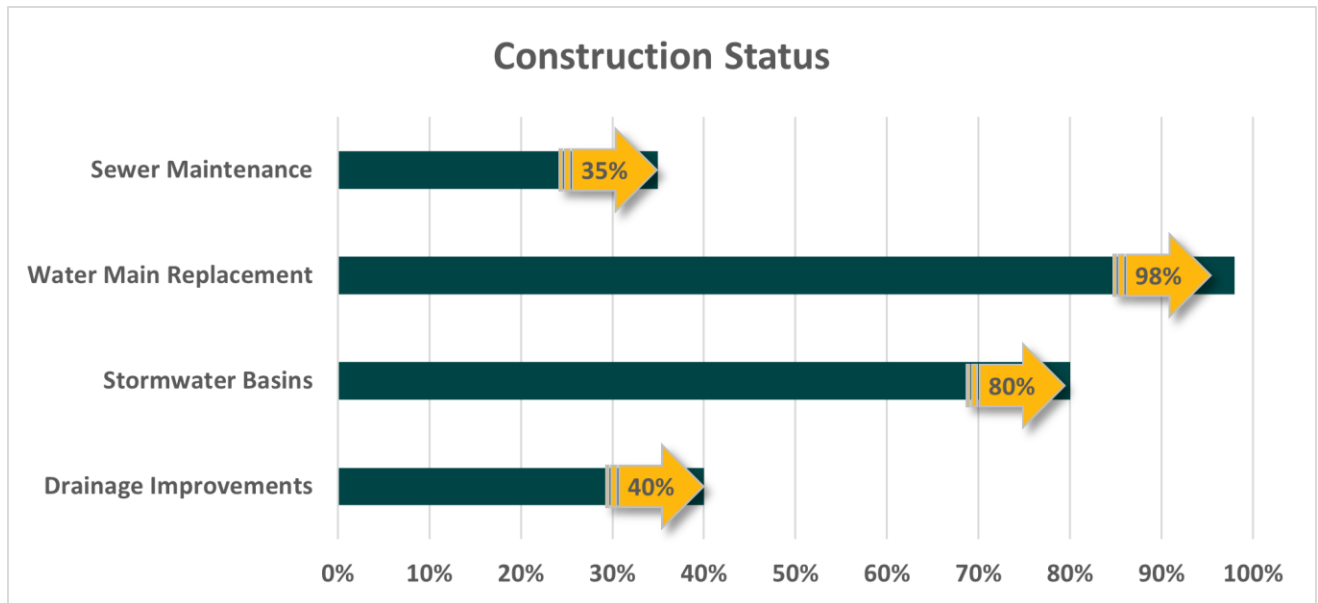
## Winter Update Meeting

On January 18, DWSD held its quarterly construction update at Brennan Pool. Staff from DWSD provided attendees with updates and answered questions on the project. These meetings are open to the public and a great way to learn about the project and have your questions answered by the project team. Thank you to all who attended. To review the presentation from the meeting, visit the project website at [detroitmi.gov/stormwater](https://detroitmi.gov/stormwater).



## Completed Work

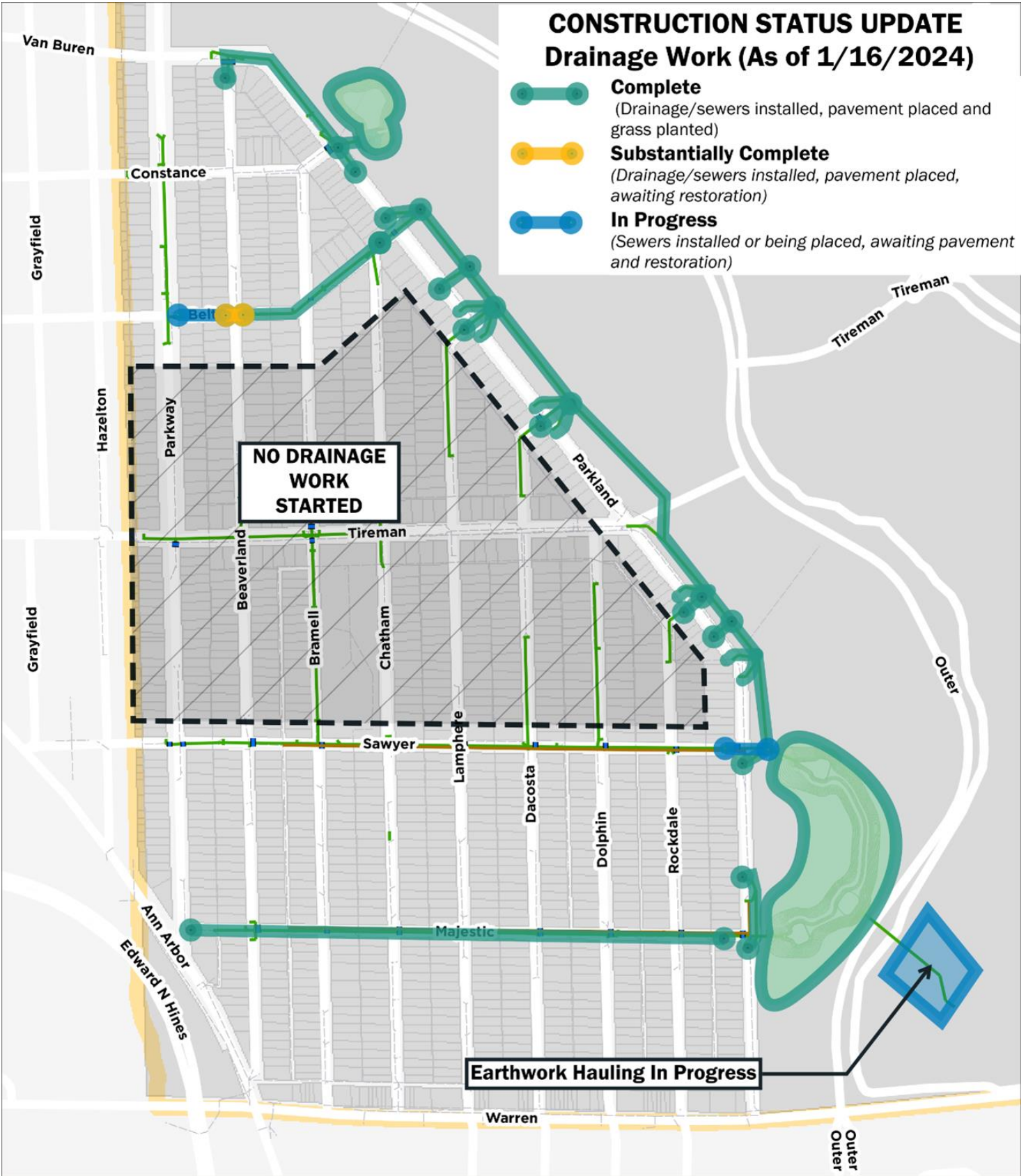
The project began in Spring 2022 and is expected to be completed in Fall 2026. Key milestones are noted below.

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



# CONSTRUCTION STATUS UPDATE Drainage Work (As of 1/16/2024)

-  **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.

- **List Serv** -Thanks for joining our project list serv. Your neighbors can join our project list serv by sending their name and address to [dwsd-publicaffairs@detroitmi.gov](mailto: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. Our next meeting will be in December or January. Meeting notices are sent through the list serv, 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 <b>should not be used</b>. 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>	