

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE DECEMBER 2024

### What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Construction of the West Chicago Stormwater Improvement Project is underway! The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) and its contractor, Major Contracting Group (Major), is constructing this project to reduce basement backups, street flooding, and improve water quality within the Rouge River. DWSD will send these monthly email updates to keep you informed on the project progress.

### West Outer Drive Construction

In November, Major Contracting Group began sewer installation on West Outer Drive in the northbound lanes. To date, the pavement has been removed and the majority of the sewer installation has been completed. The sewer installation along West Outer Drive is expected to be complete by the end of December.

**During installation, the northbound lanes have been closed, and two-way traffic has been maintained in the southbound lanes.** The northbound lanes of West Outer Drive will be closed until spring once it is warm enough to install new pavement.

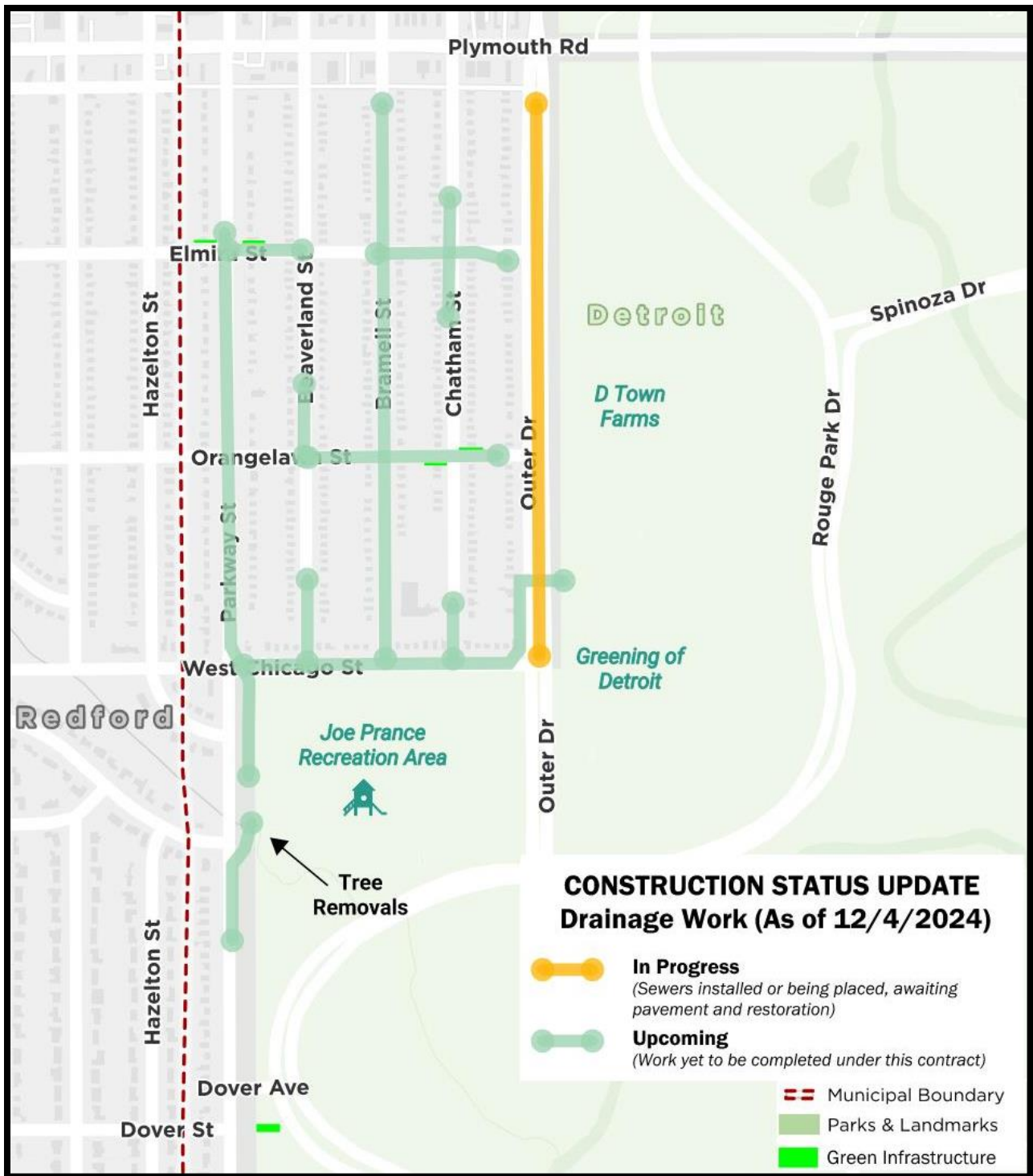
Residents on West Outer Drive have full driveway access during construction and should not park in the street. Please follow all traffic signs during construction. Construction will bring some noise, dirt, and debris to the neighborhood, but guidelines are in place to minimize impact to residents. DWSD inspectors will monitor the project daily.



## When and Where Will the Remaining Project Work Occur?

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

This month, tree removal along West Parkway, south of West Chicago, will occur in anticipation of sewer installation beginning in that area early next year.



## 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](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 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.



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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.