

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE MAY 2025

What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Construction in the Far West neighborhood is in the final stages! All storm sewers have been installed, and pavement has been placed. Major Contracting is now focused on continuing restoration efforts and landscaping throughout the neighborhood and Rouge Park. Restoration that has been completed as part of this project will be reassessed in the coming months to ensure quality. Any area not growing properly will be restored with herbicide and additional grass seed.

If you have questions regarding restoration or other project elements, please contact the project team at 313-729-3230 or dwsd-publicaffairs@detroitmi.gov. If you prefer to ask your questions in person, members of the project team will be available on Thursday, May 22 at 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. in Rouge Park, off Parkland between Sawyer and Majestic. Residents can stop by the DWSD tent and ask questions or inquire about ongoing restoration efforts.

What's Happening in Rouge Park?

Last month, a prescribed burn was conducted at the basins and surrounding areas in Rouge Park that were constructed as part of this project. A prescribed burn is a typical maintenance practice that is performed by trained professionals to help native plant species grow better. Residents along Parkland were notified of the burn and lawn signs were used on the day of to alert residents. To learn more about prescribed burns, check out the [City of Detroit Parks Prescribed Burn FAQ](#).

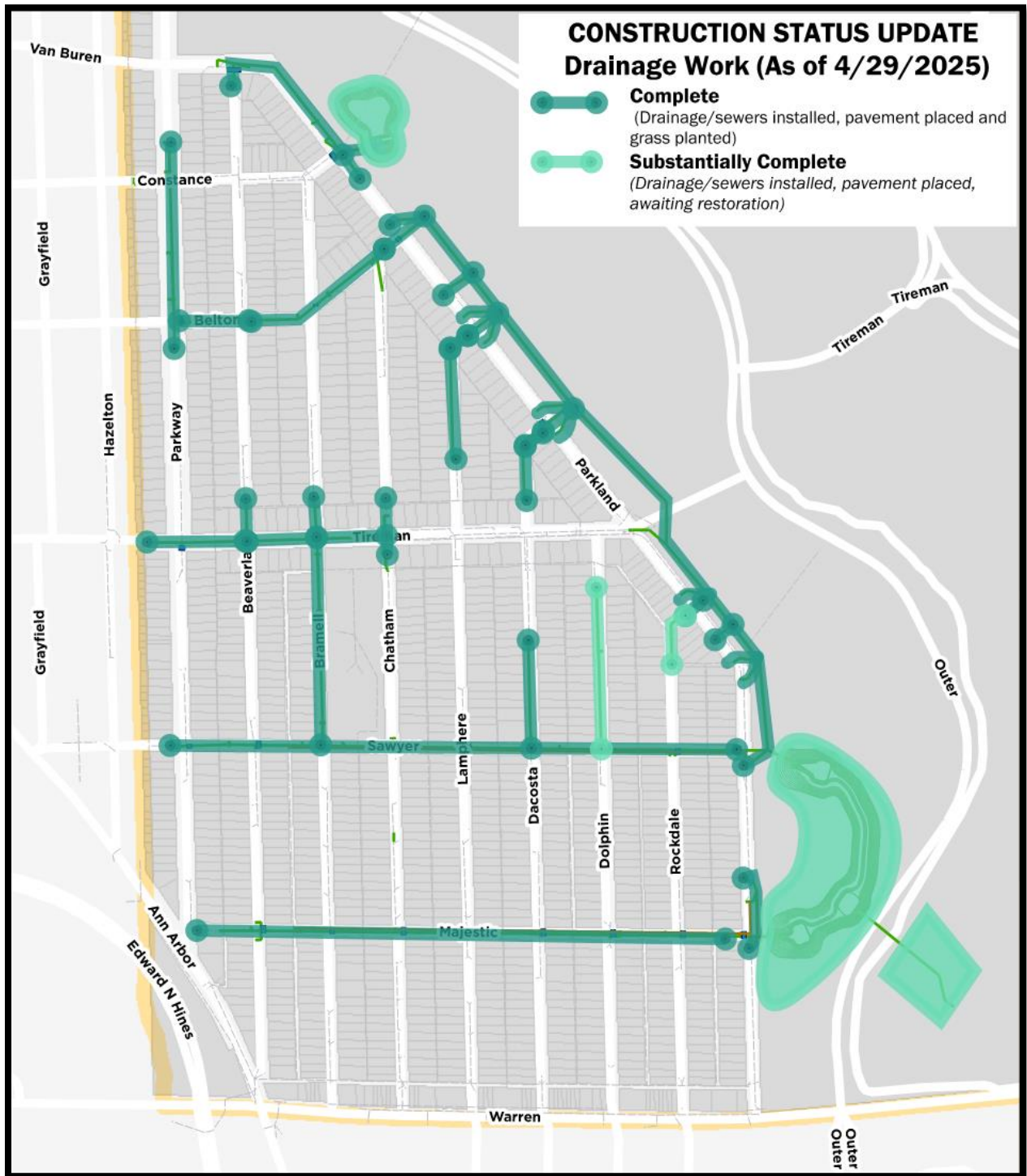
DWSD contractors will conduct a plant survey this summer to evaluate the effectiveness of the prescribed burn and determine what additional maintenance efforts may be needed.

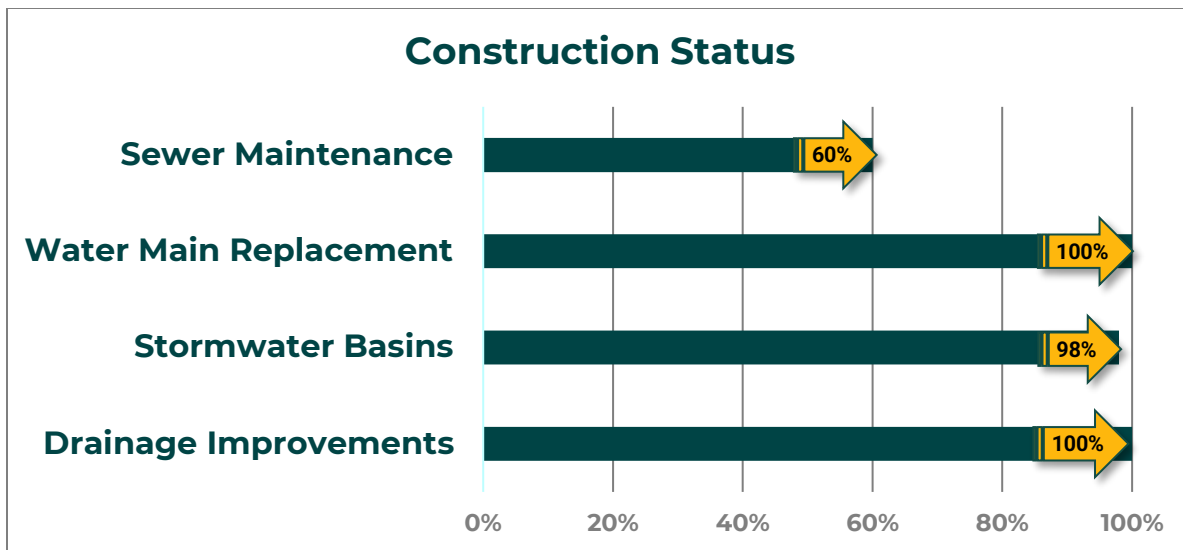


Prescribed Burn in Rouge Park – April 9, 2025

What Now?

During rain events and snowfall, most rain and snowmelt will flow through the new storm sewers installed in the neighborhood and be redirected to the new basins in Rouge Park. The stormwater will then filter and be released directly to the Rouge River, instead of in the City's combined sewer system. On most days, the basins will not have much stormwater in them. The results of this project will be reduced basement backups, street flooding, and combined sewer overflows along with improved water quality in the Rouge River.





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:



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.



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, 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.