

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE APRIL 2025

### What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Construction of the West Chicago Stormwater Improvement Project continues! The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) and its contractor, Major Contracting Group (Major), are constructing this project to reduce basement backups and street flooding and improve water quality within the Rouge River.

### West Outer Drive Construction

Sewer installation along West Outer Drive is complete and work to prepare for paving and restoration of the northbound lanes has begun. Two-way traffic will continue in the southbound lanes until restoration is complete this spring.

### West Parkway Construction

Major continues sewer installation on West Parkway. **During installation, lanes on West Parkway between Dover and West Chicago will be intermittently closed, with only local traffic permitted. In the coming weeks, West Parkway in front of Joe Prance Park will be fully closed and residents will be directed to use Meadow Park as a detour.** Joe Prance Park will remain open during construction. If you are driving to the park, please park along West Chicago and 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. Sewer construction on this portion of West Parkway is expected to be completed in May. Once the pipe work is complete, a temporary surface will be placed, and the road will be reopened. The permanent paved surface on West Parkway will be installed later this spring.

### Downspout Disconnections

DWSD contractor, OHM Advisors, is inspecting all homes within the neighborhood this spring to identify residential downspouts that can be disconnected from the combined sewer. Downspouts are the pipes that carry water from your roof's gutters to the ground. This modification will redirect rainfall and snowmelt to landscaped or grass areas in your front yard and backyard. If it is confirmed that your downspouts are connected, you will receive a door hanger notice with a phone number to call to schedule an appointment for disconnection. There is no cost to homeowners for this work and it is required by State law.

### 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 residents will be provided a flyer in advance of work beginning on their block with details of the impact and timeline.**



## 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 and 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.



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.