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**Stormwater Management Improvements
Construction Update #1
July 14, 2023**

Welcome to the Project!

The Village of Machesney Park is undertaking a storm sewer project which has a number of objectives, namely the storm sewer will provide the “backbone” drainage systems for the upcoming Burden Road Improvements and Forest Hills Road Improvements. The project will also remediate the existing detention pond located between Forest Hills and Burden Road. Overgrowth from the past 20 years will be removed, and the pond will be regraded and restored with turf grasses.

The Village is excited to begin the project, and we look forward to working with you throughout the duration of construction.

Scope of Work:

The construction of a new “trunk” storm sewer beginning at Gateway Pond, and ending at the northern end of Forest Hills Road. Once the storm sewer work is complete, the pond between Forest Hills Road and Burden Road will be regraded, and restored with new turf grass. Project limits are shown on the drawing, the blue is the storm sewer route and the yellow denotes the pond regrading.



This project will take approximately three (3) months to complete. Those of you north of Willow Creek Road will probably not see much in the way of construction for another month or so.

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During Construction:

1. The type of construction being undertaken for this project is inherently time-consuming and difficult. The first rule of construction is that **everyone goes home to their families at the end of the working day**. Everyone includes you, the contractor, and all who traverse the project area. **PLEASE** exercise caution, drive slowly through the construction zone, and always remember the first rule of construction.
2. We will distribute construction updates throughout the course of the project to (1) keep you informed of construction activities and, (2) to help you plan appropriately. You will generally receive one update per week typically on Fridays. However, there may be times where you will receive multiple updates in the same week. Updates will also be available on the Village's website at <https://machesneypark.org/construction-alerts-updates/>.
3. Mail will continue to be delivered throughout the project. There may be times when the construction activity interferes with day-to-day delivery so mail may be delivered at different times of the day.
4. There are three street closures planned during construction:
 - a. Steele Drive is currently closed to thru traffic, and will remain closed through mid-next week.
 - b. The intersection of Burden Road and Willow Creek Road will close to traffic for approximately five days. The closure is still a couple of weeks out.
 - c. Willow Creek Road will be closed to traffic

Detour routes will be posted during the closures and lighted message boards will be in place a few days ahead of the closure. Future construction updates will provide information regarding the closures so that you may notify your customers/vendors.
5. If you have sprinkler head(s) and/or an underground sprinkler system within the right of way, please make provisions to relocate those items onto private property as soon as possible in order to prevent damage during construction. Additionally, we recommend that you mark the sprinkler heads/system with white paint and/or flags until they can be relocated. The right of way along Burden Road and Willow Creek Road is 66' wide, so to obtain the approximate location of the right of way simply measure 33' from the center line of the road.
6. The project involves numerous utility agencies, contractors and subcontractors. Needless to say, there will be a lot of construction activity occurring over the course of the next few months, and many of the activities will occur concurrently with each other at different locations within the project area. Please understand that it will be difficult to travel in the construction zone throughout the construction process, so please have patience and exercise caution when you are driving within the construction zone.
7. We will do our best to let you know 24 hours in advance of foreseeable issues that will affect you, so that you may plan appropriately.
8. A few businesses will be affected by the Willow Creek Road closure. We will meet with you individually before the closure occurs to work out access issues.
9. Once the storm sewer construction is north of Willow Creek Road we will be crossing sanitary sewer services and there may be a short period of time when the sanitary sewer to individual buildings will be out of service. Again, we'll let you know ahead of time so that we can all plan appropriately.
10. There are many things that can affect the construction schedule....weather being the most predominant. If we lose a day (or days) due to weather conditions, the schedule that we provide in the update will obviously shift by the same number of days lost to weather.

11. Construction materials and machines will be stored within the right of ways during construction. There may be times when it is difficult to see due to the storage of materials and machines.

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Contact Chris Dopkins

Project Schedule: July 10th through October 14th

Work Completed to Date

- The Contractor has mobilized to the site. Steele Drive is closed to thru traffic, and storm sewer is under construction.

July 14th – July 20th:

- The Contractor will continue to install storm sewer across Steele Drive
- Once construction reaches the north side of Steele Drive, the storm sewer will continue east towards Burden Road. The sewer will be constructed along the north side of Steele Drive within an existing drainage easement.
- Steele Drive will reopen to traffic mid-week. Once reopened, there will be periodic lane and shoulder closures to facilitate construction traffic.

Again, we look forward to working with you over the next few months, and we thank you in advance for your cooperation. We are just getting started, but we are already look forward to the completion of construction!

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