

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

July 2024

Summer construction season is in full swing on the Far West Detroit project. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) thanks the community for your patience and support as we work hard to improve your neighborhood.

Current Work

Sawyer Street Construction:

Our contractor, Major Contracting, completed installation of the new storm sewer on Sawyer, between Parkland and West Parkway. They are now pouring concrete for the new driveways and sidewalk ramps along Sawyer. They are also restoring yards with fresh topsoil and grass seed. Sawyer will reopen between Chatham and Parkland once restoration is complete within the coming weeks. Sawyer will remain closed from West Parkway to Bramell while the contractor completes work along Bramell.



Bramell Street Construction:

In order to complete construction on the streets next to the Ann Arbor Trail Magnet School while students are on summer vacation, Major Contracting began installing new storm sewer on Bramell from Sawyer to Tireman and on Tireman from Bramell to Chatham (see areas in blue on the Construction Status Update map below). Major is ahead of schedule, so they will continue west on Tireman from Bramell to W Parkway in order to get the work done this summer while students are out of school. Some minor drainage improvements on the school property are also underway.

South Basin Earthwork:

The contractor continues to work on final grading, topsoil placement and seeding around the south basin. The bike path along the east shoulder of Outer Drive will be restored following completion of all landscaping work. Planting of the remaining plants and trees will occur in the fall.

Parkland Street Water Main:

The water main and lead service line replacement on Parkland between Tireman and West Warren has been completed under a separate DWSD contract. Remaining work includes the restoration of sidewalks, streets, and lawns. It is anticipated that this project will be complete by early fall.

Upcoming Work:**Tireman (Bramell to W Parkway), Lamphere (Tireman to Parkland), Rockdale (Sawyer to Parkland), and West Parkway**

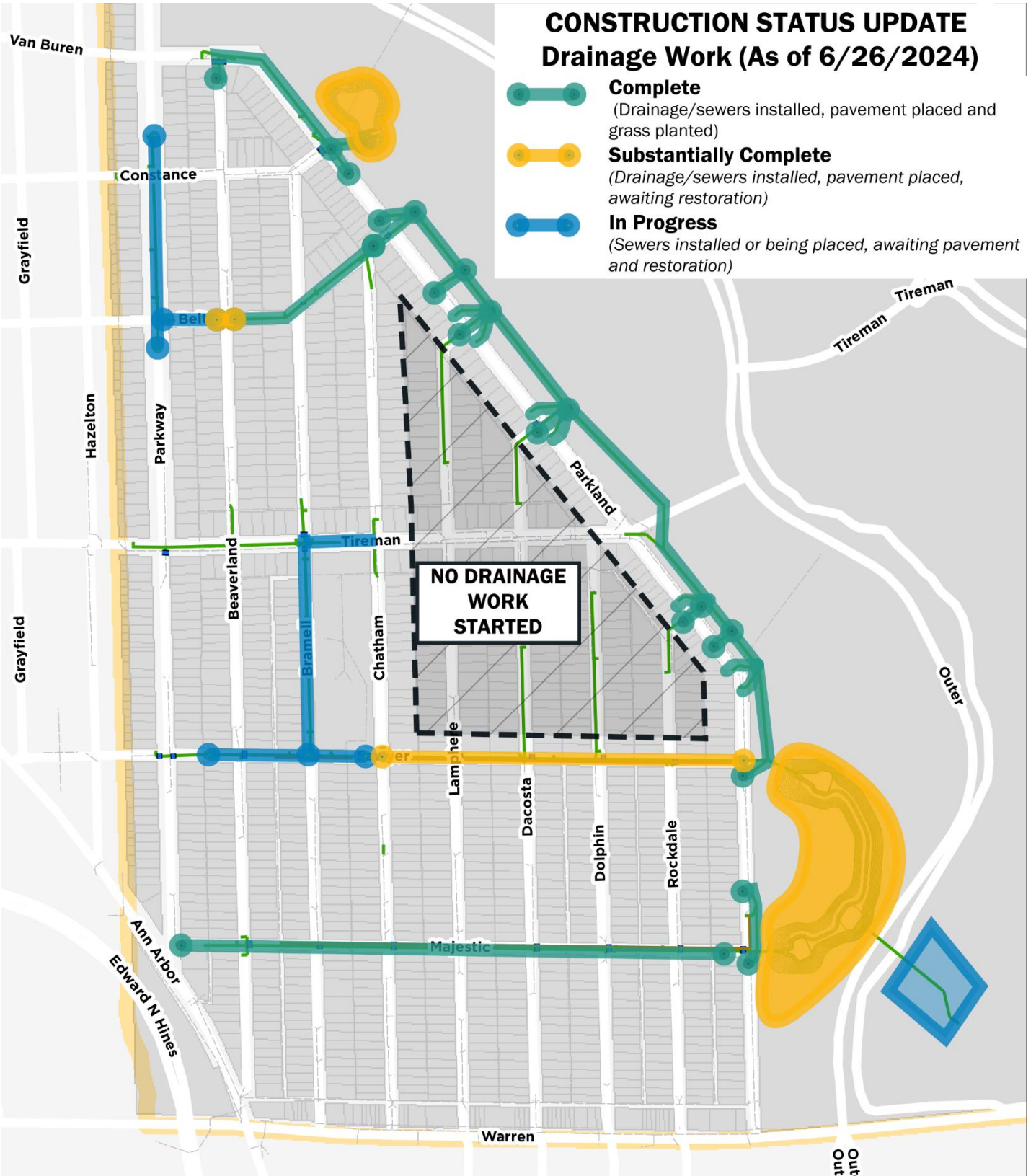
Major Contracting is ahead of schedule installing new storm sewer at Tireman and Bramell. They will continue west on Tireman from Bramell to W Parkway to complete installation and restoration before the school year begins in late August.

After storm sewer installation is completed on Tireman, Major will relocate to Lamphere between Tireman and Parkland, and Rockdale between Sawyer and Parkland to install new storm sewer. Lamphere and Rockdale is expected to begin at the beginning of August.

Major will begin restoring the curb, pavement and landscaping on West Parkway between Parkland and Tireman in July. **Prior to work starting on Tireman, Lamphere, and Rockdale, affected residents will receive door hanger notices for timeline and impact to driveways.**

CONSTRUCTION STATUS UPDATE Drainage Work (As of 6/26/2024)

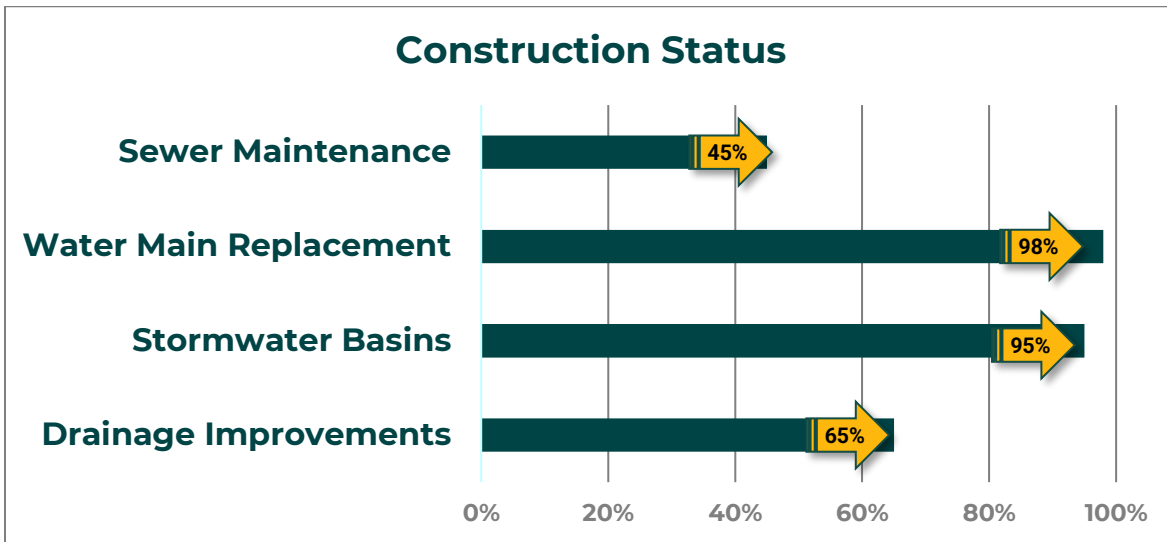
-  **Complete**
(Drainage/sewers installed, pavement placed and grass planted)
-  **Substantially Complete**
(Drainage/sewers installed, pavement placed, awaiting restoration)
-  **In Progress**
(Sewers installed or being placed, awaiting pavement and restoration)



Completed Work

The project began in Spring 2022 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2026. Key milestones are noted below.

- The planned water main installations throughout the neighborhood are complete (note that additional work on Parkland is underway under a separate contract).
- Storm sewer along Majestic, Parkland, Belton, and Sawyer is complete. All combined sewer work is also complete.
- The north and south stormwater basins have been graded. Landscaping in the park area around the basins will continue to progress this summer.



Stay Engaged

There are several ways you can stay up to date on the Far West Detroit Stormwater Improvement Project.

- **Updates via Email** -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. 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. Meeting notices are sent through the email list 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:


<h4>WATER SYSTEM</h4>  <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>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>	<h4>SEWER SYSTEM</h4>  <p>You will be notified when your sewer connection will be temporarily plugged. During this time, your sewer system should not be used. 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>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>The community may experience an odor during sewer construction activities.</p>
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Contractors will have large trucks and heavy equipment. For the safety of everyone in the neighborhood, please keep a safe distance from all machinery.




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.



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To perform work, contractors may need to trim or cut trees and brush to access streets and alleys.