



Heart of the Valley METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT

Interceptor Rehabilitation Work to Begin

Updated plans call for work to begin on West end of system

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(Kaukauna, Wis.) – After extensive planning and coordination with multiple agencies, member communities and contractors, work is set to begin on the [Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District's](#) (HOVMSD) Interceptor Rehabilitation Project.

While initial plans called for work to begin at the west end of the system and proceed east along the Fox River, **updated plans** now call for work to begin on the east end of the system near HOVMSD's wastewater treatment facility and the Ahlstrom Mill. With the updated plans, an anticipated trail closure inside Heesakker Park in Little Chute will be postponed.

“Our construction partners are eager to start work,” shared HOVMSD District Director Brian Helminger. “Their updated plan to begin work on the east end will make for a more efficient start to the benefit of our member communities and residents.”

In early April, contractors will begin constructing and installing a sewer bypass line on the Ahlstrom Mill property east of the Kaukauna library. Contractors will also be installing a bypass pumping station at the bottom of the hill behind the Kaukauna Chamber of Commerce Building. For the public's safety, the area behind the Chamber building will be fenced off while the pumping equipment is in operation, a period of about three to four months. Following installation of the bypass line, Visu-Sewer will begin rehabilitating the main interceptor pipe.

Also in early April, contractors will begin work inside Riverside Park in Kaukauna to reinforce a portion of the shoreline in order to allow heavy equipment to safely access the Fox River. Once the access is installed, there will be a pause on construction activity inside Riverside Park until work on the eastern most section of interceptor is complete. For the public's safety, the work area inside Riverside Park will be fenced off. However, public access to the boat launch and the adjacent parking area will be maintained.

“Project crews are focused on completing this work as safely and efficiently as possible,” added Helminger. “We're fortunate that for a project of this magnitude, impact on residential areas should be minimal.”

HOVMSD will be providing project updates on its website at <https://hvmsd.org>, to local media and to member communities for use in their social media and other communications. The district will also be reaching out directly to property owners closest to work areas to make them aware of upcoming work. Residents are encouraged to contact the project team with questions or concerns throughout the duration of the project at interceptor.feedback@hvmsd.org or toll free at (833) 468-6730.

Several years ago, corrosion was discovered in the 5.5-mile concrete pipe that carries wastewater from nearly 60,000 residents to the HOVMSD treatment plant located in Kaukauna along the Fox River. The pipe was originally installed in 1977. By addressing the corrosion of the pipe now, before more widespread damage occurs, the district will avoid a more costly repair or replacement at a later date and will prolong the useful life of the pipe by an estimated 50 years for current and future community members.

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*Established in 1974, the **Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District** provides cost-effective wastewater collection and treatment for its member communities while protecting public health, safety and the quality of the environment. Member communities include the city of Kaukauna, the Villages of Little Chute, Kimberly and Combined Locks, and the Darboy Sanitary District.*

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