



Heart of the Valley
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT

Interceptor Rehabilitation Project to Resume

Project set to close out in 2026

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(Kaukauna, Wis.) – With the arrival of warmer weather, crews working on [Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District's](#) (HOVMSD) Interceptor Rehabilitation Project are planning for the completion of remaining contract work.

The majority of the project was successfully completed in 2025, including completing 100% of the 13,180 feet of interceptor lining installation. Late last fall, once bypass pumping operations were in place for phase five structures, crews discovered deterioration and extensive corrosion more severe than what could previously be observed. The diversion of the sewerage flows allowed crews to full access into the phase five structures as normally wastewater flows continuously through the system, these conditions were not visible until the structures were taken offline.

Protective coatings have now been completed in 60 of the project's 69 structures. In the remaining nine structures, only the lower bench and base areas need cleaning, abrasive blasting, surface leveling and the final coating application. These nine locations are situated along the railroad corridor and are not within residential areas.

During construction, four structures were also observed to have localized blistering anomalies in the applied coatings. The HOVMSD's contractor, along with its coating consultant, is currently evaluating common factors among those structures to determine the cause and identify appropriate next steps. This assessment is ongoing, and any necessary corrective work will be scheduled following the review.

"We made substantial progress last year and are now focused on completing the remaining details to ensure the long-term performance of this critical infrastructure," said Brian Helminger, HOVMSD Director. "Addressing these items thoroughly now will protect the system, ensuring it serves the community for decades to come."

As part of project closeout, crews will also revisit project restoration areas completed late last fall to ensure turf reestablishment once spring decides to stay around and temperatures rise. Any areas requiring reseeding or attention will be addressed in the disturbed green spaces.

HOVMSD appreciates the community's continued patience and remains committed to completing the remaining work efficiently while minimizing impacts on nearby parks, businesses and residents.

Residents can learn more about the project at <https://hvmsd.org>. HOVMSD will continue to provide regular updates to local media and member communities. For questions or comments for the project team, please email interceptor.feedback@hvmsd.org or call toll-free at (833) 468-6730.

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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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