

Preparations for interceptor rehabilitation project construction start taking place

Preparations for the Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District's interceptor rehabilitation project take place this winter, while the project officially kicks off in spring of 2024. This winter, contractors begin building temporary access points that enable truck access to the interceptor pipe in the canal adjacent to the Fox River between Doyle and Heesakker parks in Little Chute.

"This is a complex project that will preserve the integrity of a critical piece of infrastructure for multiple communities," explained Brian Helminger, Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Director. "A lot of field review, planning, design and permitting work has taken place so far, along with coordinating with each of our member communities along the way. We're pleased with the progress so far and look forward to the start of the project."

During a video inspection conducted several years ago, surface corrosion was discovered in a 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.

"Because this is a large project with work taking place along the Fox River in several communities, our goal is to share as much information as possible as work begins," added Helminger.

They encourage residents and those recreating on the Fox River to watch hvmsd.org for updates on the project, especially once work is underway.

"We will share more detailed timelines with the public as they become available," Helminger said. "We would really like the public to know that timelines will be dependent upon weather conditions and actual conditions encountered on site, so they'll be subject to change along the way."

Those looking to reach out with comments or questions about the project can email interceptor.feedback@hvmsd.org or telephone 833-468-6730.



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