

Interceptor rehabilitation work to begin on east end of system

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 Interceptor Rehabilitation Project in early April.

Work will begin on the east end of the system near HOVMSD's wastewater treatment facility and the Ahlstrom Mill. An anticipated trail closure inside Heesakker Park in Little Chute is postponed.

"Our construction partners are eager to mobilize so work can begin," HOVMSD District Director Brian Helminger said. "Their plan to begin work on the east end will make for a more efficient start to the benefit of our member communities and residents. As work is completed, the

interceptor will be placed back into service."

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 behind the Heart of the Valley Chamber of Commerce building. That equipment will operate for 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 allowing 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. 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," Helminger added. "We're fortunate that for a project of this magnitude, impact on residential areas will be minimal."

HOVMSD will be providing project updates on its website at 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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