



May 27, 2020

CURRENT RESIDENT  
613 WALNUT ST  
BATAVIA 60510

**RE: UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION 2020  
AREA 3 PHASE 3 STORM SEWER & WATERMAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:  
MORTON (JEFFERSON TO 800 BLOCK), JACKSON (MORTON TO GARFIELD), GARFIELD (JACKSON  
TO HARRISON) & HARRISON (GARFIELD TO GARFIELD)**

Dear Resident,

Please be aware that Construction on *2020 Area 3 Phase 3 Storm Sewer Reconstruction* work will be starting very soon. The project is expected to be awarded at the next City Council meeting on June 1, 2020 with work starting shortly thereafter. The contractor will be Performance Construction Engineering of Yorkville, IL.

Unfortunately, because of the current COVID-19 situation our Neighborhood Meeting as scheduled for April 28 had to be cancelled. Hopefully this letter will clarify some of the questions you have regarding the construction but of course we realize you may have further questions or concerns so please don't hesitate to contact us if needed. A list of key contacts for the project is provided below.

### **Background**

As part of the City of Batavia's efforts to alleviate repeated drainage concerns and sewer back-ups in Area 3 of the combined sewer on City's west side, the City Council allocated funds in the 2016 fiscal year to conduct a drainage study. Subsequently WBK Engineering, LLC was selected to prepare final engineering plans and construction documents. This construction will provide a separate storm sewer system, completely removing the storm runoff flows from the sanitary sewer. In addition, the watermain will be replaced in the residential areas of Area 3 due to failing conditions of the existing watermain. The first phase of construction occurred at the West Side cemetery, across Rt. 31 and from Rt. 31 to Jefferson on Morton Street, the second phase went north on Jefferson, west on Blaine and north on Jackson. This third and final phase will start where construction started last year at Morton and Jefferson and continue west on Morton to the 800 block, S Jackson from Morton to Garfield and Garfield from Jackson to Harrison.

### **Construction**

Performance Construction & Engineering is the general contractor and the same contractor who just completed Phase 2. The City's representative for construction inspection is Marty Dopke from HLR (Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick). ***Performance anticipates setting up material and staging construction on Morton Street the week of June 1st with construction to commence later that week. The actual start date is conditional on the sign off of our IEPA loans for both the sewer separation and watermain improvements. We have been told June 1<sup>st</sup>.*** You should have received the notice in early March 2020 from the City regarding the watermain improvements.

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Storm sewer will be installed first on Morton and Jackson followed by the watermain on those same blocks, repeat for Garfield and then move back to Morton and finish project. The City is waiting for Nicor to relocate gas main in the intersection of Morton and Harrison before we can get in there, that is why the routing of construction is as mentioned above. During construction, all side streets (Morton, Jackson and Garfield) will be closed to Local Traffic Only throughout the project. Block by block closures will occur and progress thru the duration of the project. The areas will be used for staging construction material and equipment. Construction equipment will be staged on the street and will be barricaded off every night. In addition, there is potential that some material will be staged in the parkway, between the back of curb to the sidewalk. The entire parkway will be restored with seed and blanket at the conclusion of the construction.

If you have a sprinkler system or an electric dog fence please contact me so it can be properly marked on your property.

**Disruption to your driveway**

Portions of curb and gutter, sidewalk and most driveway aprons will be replaced with like material during this project. During the removal of the existing materials (i.e. apron, curb), access to your driveway will be restricted. The contractor will deliver door hangers to your door 24 hours in advance of removal asking you to remove your vehicle from your driveway by 7 a.m. the next morning. Please park your vehicles with the door hangers on any street not highlighted in the map below. Once removal takes place your access will be restored temporarily using stone. This process will restrict access to your driveway for less than 2 days.





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For permanent repair of your driveway you will receive another notice from the City to remove your vehicle from your driveway. This time the concrete will need time to cure and you can expect to be out of your driveway for 10 to 14 days until the concrete is strong enough to withstand vehicular traffic. At that time, you will need the door hangers to be displayed in your vehicles that will remain on the street overnight. The police department will be notified of this project, therefore you will not need to call it in yourself.

**End Result**

The new storm sewer will tie into the storm sewer system that was part of the Phase I project in 2018 along Morton Street. As we continue to install new storm sewer through the neighborhood, (to the west) the sanitary will continue to be separated. As a result, rainwater will have its own designated sewer system to the Fox River and it will no longer share the sanitary sewer, which goes to the wastewater treatment plant. In the past the sharing of the sanitary sewer with stormwater runoff has led to some sanitary backups in many residents' homes. At the end of all phases (3-4 years total) this improvement should alleviate backups in residents' homes. This project will complete the construction of Area 3. Once the project is completed you will be required to connect your sump pump to the new sewer junction boxes within 1 year. Each resident will receive a letter with all the details to make that connection once the project is completed.

**Funding**

Per our funding guidelines from the IEPA this information needs to be shared: *Construction of Area 3 Storm Sewer Separation and Watermain Improvements to the Morton, Blaine, S Jefferson, S Jackson, Garfield & S Harrison in Batavia were financed by the Water Pollution Control Loan Program (WPCLP) State Revolving Fund (SRF) in 2019 and both the WPLCP and Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) SRF in 2020. The SRF program is administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and receives a portion of its money to fund these types of projects from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This project includes separating the combined sanitary and storm sewer into two different discharge systems, including a new separate storm sewer system, and replacement of aged watermain. Once complete, it will improve water quality for area residents and businesses in Batavia and the Fox River Watershed by helping reduce the amount of storm water being routed to and treated at the waste water treatment plant and eliminating potential for overflows, in both in residences and businesses and at the WWTP. SRF programs operate in each state to provide communities the resources necessary to build, maintain, and improve the infrastructure that protects one of our most valuable resources: water. The 2019 low interest loan has a rate of 1.84% and will be repaid over 20 years. The 2020 low interest loan has a rate of 2.0% and will be repaid over 20 years.*

**E-blasts & Contact Information**

If you would like to be added to a weekly and key information e-blast updates during the project please send me an email at [apodraza@cityofbatavia.net](mailto:apodraza@cityofbatavia.net) with your name, address, phone number and email. In addition you can follow project updates on the City website: <http://cityofbatavia.net/679/Area-3> The engineering plans for the improvements can be found on the project page.

If you have any questions regarding the overall operation and status of the project or questions related to the engineering plans please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (630) 454-2757. If your concern is regarding site operations and construction operations during the day please contact our resident engineer, Marty Dopke at (847) 450-3702.



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The City looks forward to the end result of this project and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation during the dust and construction. ***The anticipated end date of construction is tentatively set around the first week in November, weather pending.***

Sincerely,

Andrea M. Podraza, P.E., CFM  
Assistant City Engineer

cc: Jeff Schielke, Mayor  
Laura Newman, City Administrator  
Gary Holm, Director of Public Works  
Rahat Bari, City Engineer  
Scott Haines, Properties & Services Superintendent  
Bill Kellum, Street Superintendent  
Jeremy Barkei, Water Superintendent  
Randy Deicke, Fire Chief  
Dan Eul, Police Chief  
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