



2025 Sewer Rehabilitation Project Public Notice

Project Introduction

The city recently awarded the 2025 Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Waste Recovery Systems, Inc. out of Wyoming, MI. The project is expected to begin soon; therefore, this update is being published to inform those impacted or interested in the project of what to expect. The construction will consist of cleaning the public sewer main and then installation of a Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP). CIPP is a technique used to rehabilitate an old sewer pipe by inserting a resin impregnated felt liner then curing the resin using hot water. Once this is completed a CIPP liner becomes the new sewer and is no longer dependent on the old sewer.

The project is being undertaken as part of the city's asset management program. The sewer segments for this project were selected due to their condition and consequence of failure. Please see the attached map showing the locations of the selected sewers.

As stated above the contractor, Waste Recovery Systems is located in Wyoming, Michigan. They have worked on numerous CIPP projects in west and southwest Michigan. The most recent local project they completed was in Lincoln Charter Township.

Schedule Information

The Contract Progress Clause requires the work to be completed by October 17th. The contract also calls for the work to be completed within 30 working days once started. Waste Recovery Systems tentatively plans to begin the project in late July or August but may start precleaning and measuring activities sooner. Once the schedule is set it will be posted on the City's website and emailed to those who sign up for email updates.

Scope of Work

The proposed work will consist of cleaning of the existing sewer mains then installation of the CIPP liner. The curing process takes anywhere between 2-6 hours during which time any properties serviced by this sewer will not be functional. Once the cure has completed, Waste Recovery Systems will reestablish service connections to the newly installed CIPP liner. If you are connected to the sewer that is being lined you will receive a door hanger notice from the contractor explaining what to expect and the timeline.

Traffic Maintenance / Access / Trash Pickup / Water Service

The work will be completed by accessing manholes to install the liner. As such this will limit disruption to traffic. Lane closures will be limited to the area directly around the manhole and will be taken down once the liner is installed and services have been reestablished.

Please do not park on these streets while the project is underway. Check the City's website for the most up to date schedule.

This work should not conflict with trash pickup. Please place containers along the road as normal. If you have a problem with your trash pickup, please contact Liam Cormier, Streets Superintendent (telephone: 269-983-6341, email: lcormier@sjcity.com). We expect the U.S. Postal Service will maintain normal mail delivery however, should this prove to be problematic we will contact you with further information.

There is no water service work planned as part of this project and as such there will be no water service interruptions as part of this work.

Contact Information

General construction related questions should be directed to Alex Austin, Assistant City Engineer / GIS & CMMS Coordinator. A contact information sheet is attached and may be clipped for posting on your refrigerator, etc. We also request that you fill out and return the attached contact information form. This will allow City Staff to contact you should a construction-related issue require individual notification during the day.

In addition to this notice, progress notices will be emailed and posted to the City's website (www.sjcity.com) on a periodic basis. If you are interested in receiving update notices via email, please provide your email address on the attached form. We thank you for your patience during this time of inconvenience. The project will ultimately result in a more reliable sanitary sewer.

Commonly Asked Questions Regarding Construction Projects

1) **What is typically done on a sewer rehabilitation project?**

The contractor starts by cleaning and measuring the sewer for the liner. Then will install a CIPP liner curing the liner with hot water. This can take 2-6 hours during which time sewer services will be interrupted. Once the liner is cured, sewer service connections will be reestablished.

2) **Will my water service line and sanitary sewer lead be replaced?**

No water or sewer service work is anticipated. The rehabilitation is limited to the City sewer main.

3) **How long will I be without water?**

No planned water shut offs are expected, however, using water during the installation of the liner is not advised as it can result in a sewer backup until the sewer service connections have been reestablished.

4) **When will work start and how long will it take to complete the project?**

The project could begin as early as mid-July with cleaning and measuring activities. Waste Recovery Systems will provide a detailed schedule that the schedule will be posted on the City's website. The contract calls for all work to be completed by mid-October.

5) **Who is the Contractor?**

Waste Recovery Systems, Inc is the awarded contractor for this project.

6) **Will trees be removed in front of my house?**

No tree removals are anticipated.

7) **I require special care/services; how will the project affect me?**

If you have a condition that requires special consideration i.e. medical services, disabled accessibility, Meals on Wheels, etc. please contact the Assistant City Engineer, Alex Austin, as soon as possible (983-5541). We will notify the Contractor of your needs and schedule a meeting to discuss your particular circumstances, if necessary.

8) **If I have a problem during construction, who do I contact?**

Please contact Assistant City Engineer, Alex Austin at (269-983-5541).

9) **What about access to my driveway?**

Driveways access should not be impacted by this project.

10) **Why does the project need to be done?**

The project is being undertaken to rehabilitate sewers in poor conditions to maintain a reliable sewer system.

11) **If I have a problem after normal hours, who do I contact?**

In case of an emergency, please dial 911. If your problem is less critical in nature, for example no water service, sewer backup, etc. please contact the St. Joseph Drinking Water Treatment Plant (269-983-1240). The operator on duty will then contact the appropriate personnel to address your concern.



City of St. Joseph
700 Broad Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085



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Contact Information**

First Call:

Alex Austin, P.E., Assistant City Engineer /
GIS & CMMS Coordinator
City of St. Joseph
700 Broad Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 985-0321 ext. 235
FAX: (269) 985-0346
Email: aaustin@sjcity.com

If additional follow-up is necessary, call:

Tim Zebell, P.E., Assistant City Manager /
City Engineer
City of St. Joseph
700 Broad Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: (269) 985-0339
FAX: (269) 985-0346
Email: tzebell@sjcity.com

For non-emergency, after normal working hours, call:

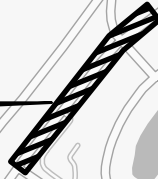
St. Joseph Drinking Water Treatment Plant Operator on Duty:
Phone: (269) 983-1240

2025 SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT PROJECT AREAS

KLOCK
ARK



UPTON DRIVE



N.M. 63

District 15

TISCORNIA
PARK

SILVER BEACH
COUNTY PARK

St. Joseph

N Wayne St

W Main St

W Main St

PRICE STREET

Main St

Main St

LIONS PARK
BEACH

KIWANIS PARK

SUNSET COURT

MOHAWK LANE

Niles Ave

Niles Ave

JEFFERSON
LOFTS

LINCOLN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

GIFTED AND
TALENTED
ACADEMY

District 13

ST JOSEPH
HIGH SCHOOL

Napier Ave

**2025 Sewer Rehabilitation Project
Requested Information**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please mail, FAX or drop off this form to:

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700 Broad Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Attn.: Alex Austin, Assistant City Engineer / GIS & CMMS Coordinator

FAX: (269) 985-0346

Email: aaustin@sjcity.com

Please call (269) 983-5541 with special care requirements.

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