Harvey Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin Project

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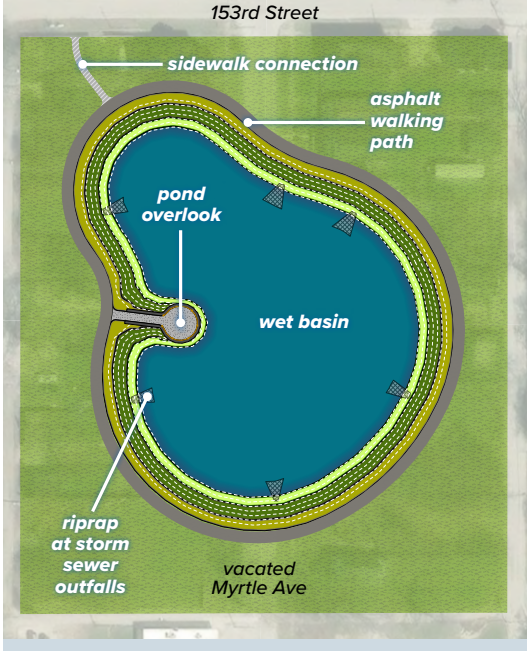

Proposed stormwater detention basin on Myrtle Avenue between 153rd and 154th Street.

Reducing flooding. Protecting homes. Creating new open space.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), in partnership with the City of Harvey, is breaking ground on an estimated $13 million project to reduce flooding and provide new community space and protection for more than 200 Harvey homes, businesses and other buildings. To address a long history of flooding, the MWRD plans to construct new storm sewers and transform approximately 4.4 acres along Myrtle Avenue between 153rd and 154th Street.

TIMELINE

The MWRD will complete the project in two phases beginning with demolition work and preparation of the basin site set to be completed in 2027. The second phase of work will include construction of a detention basin and installation of new storm sewers, anticipated to begin upon completion of the Illinois Department of Transportation Wood Street/Ashland Avenue Improvements Project.

DEMOLITION WORK

Construction requires demolition of 16 residential structures, five garages, along with concrete garage pad removals, new landscaping and other site improvements.

Myrtle Avenue will be closed as construction proceeds. The street closure is anticipated to begin in late November and last through early Spring 2027. A detour route and signage will be posted.

BENEFITS

The new stormwater system will reduce flows to the existing combined sewer system, helping free up downstream capacity and reduce the potential for basement backups. During a 100-year storm event, the project is expected to provide flood protection benefits to 209 structures.