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Dear Wheaton Residents:

Wheaton Sanitary District (WSD) started construction of its Northside Interceptor (NSI) Sewer Replacement Project on March 15, 2021 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Work within Part C of the NSI project, which includes the area between Winfield Creek and Manchester Road started on April 12, 2022. A map of the overall route/work has been included for your reference on the back of this letter.

Work has continued uninterrupted along Hazelton Avenue and Childs Street since mid-April and improvements have included:

- Winfield Creek :: Sanitary sewer installation across Winfield Creek
- Hazelton Avenue :: Sanitary sewer, storm sewer, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk replacement, and roadway base preparation from Williams Street to Childs Street
- Childs Street :: Sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main relocations, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk replacement, and roadway base preparation from Hazelton Avenue to Pierce Avenue, and
- Emerson School :: Sanitary sewer installation along the east side of the Emerson School property

While a significant amount of progress has been made in the first half of 2022, and the NSI project remains ahead of schedule, a recent Labor Strike has caused the mainline sanitary sewer work to slow down and stopped the WSD's General Contractor, Benchmark Construction, from restoring the asphalt pavement along Hazelton Avenue and Child Street.

On Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> the Local 150 International Union of Operating Engineers went on strike against area aggregate producers Lehigh Hanson, Vulcan Materials, and Lafarge Holcim. The General Contractor has continued working through the duration of the strike with reduced production, but as the strike carries on materials such as aggregate backfill for pipe installation, hot-mix asphalt for paving, and concrete for curb and gutter are no longer readily available.

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WSD and their Engineer, Baxter & Woodman, Inc., continue to monitor the strike and work with the General Contractor to continue making progress while maintaining disturbed areas. **Today the General Contractor implemented a more durable bituminous product to manage dust control.**

The primary contact during construction is the WSD's Resident Engineer, Jim Snell. Jim can be reached at 815.444.3321 or via email at [JSnell@baxterwoodman.com](mailto:JSnell@baxterwoodman.com).

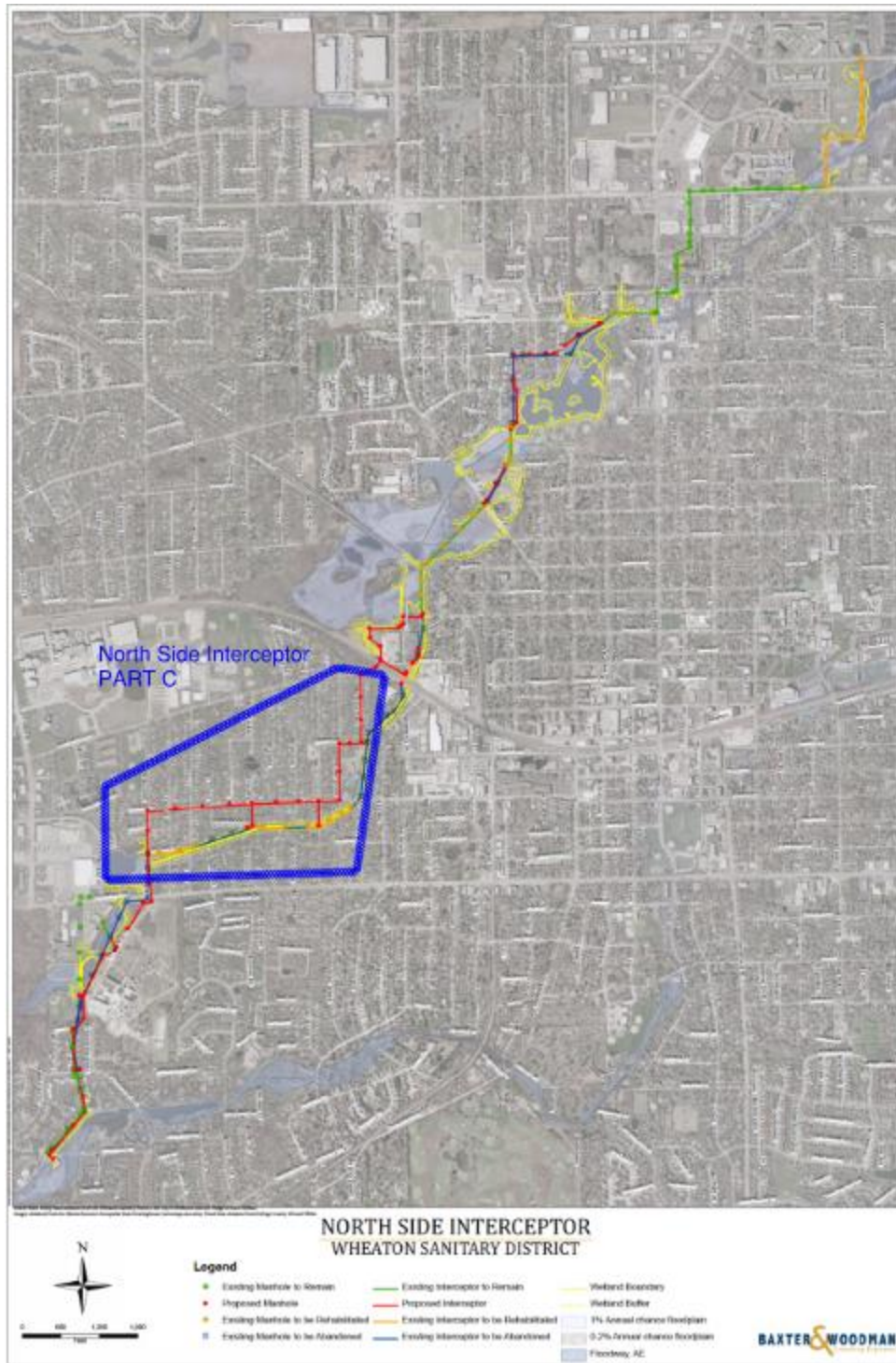
There will be additional information about the Project posted to the District's News Section of its website, ([www.wsd.dst.il.us/News](http://www.wsd.dst.il.us/News)). Thank you in advance for your patience during construction.

Very truly yours,

WHEATON SANITARY DISTRICT



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