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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 A of the NSI project, which includes Pin Oak Court and Stonebridge Trail, has been completed up to Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) Binder Course. A map of the overall route/work has been included for your reference on the back of this letter.

Significant progress has been made through the first half of 2022, improvements have included:

- Water Main replacement along Pin Oak Court
- Storm Sewer replacement
- Abandonment of the existing North Side Interceptor
- Pavement reconstruction
- HMA Binder Course installation
- Parkway Restoration

A recent Labor Strike has stopped the WSD's General Contractor, Benchmark Construction, from completing the HMA Surface Course, as well as some additional work associated with final completion, along Pin Oak Court and Stonebridge Trail.

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.

Parkway Restoration was not impacted by the strike, but since it was completed during the heat of the summer, various outcomes have been observed within the work area. We have discussed the observed sod, seed, and weed issues with Benchmark Construction's subcontractor and offer the following maintenance guidance to improve grass growth:

- Sod Turf – Resident should mow, but leave grass 3" or higher
- Seed Turf – Resident should mow, but leave the straw blanket in place

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- Weed Prevalence – The Contractor will spray a non-toxic weed inhibitor which works best if the grass is maintained. They will spray the weeds when the daytime temperatures are less than 85 degrees and rain is forecast within 48 hours.
- Watering – We encourage the property owner to water their parkway to support grass growth, which further inhibits weeds.

Please note that the District will not consider the restoration work complete until the grass is established and generally weed free.

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).

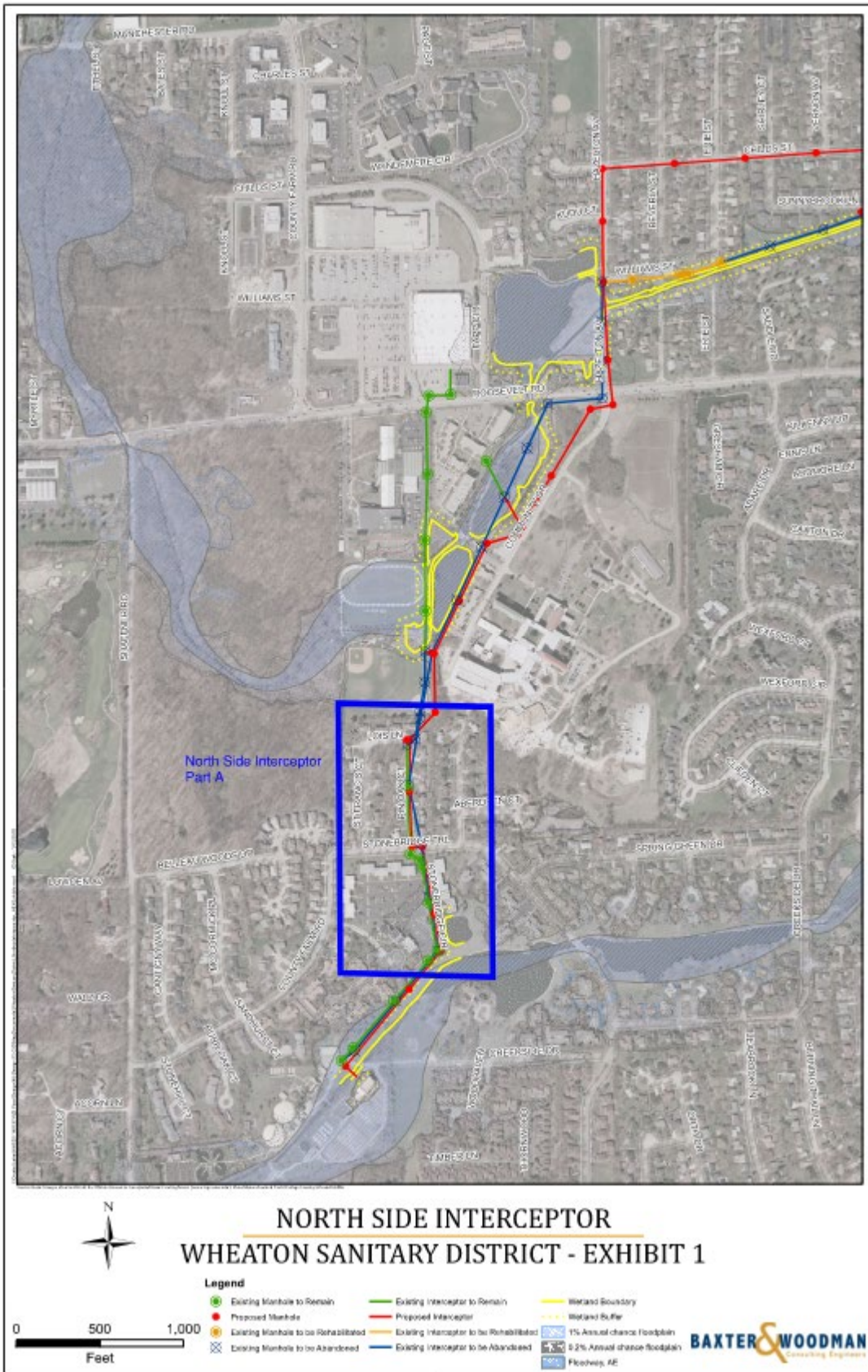
There will be additional information about the Project posted to the District's News Section of its website, ([www.wsd.dst.il.us/News](http://www.wsd.dst.il.us/News)). Thank you in advance for your patience during construction.

Very truly yours,

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