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Dear Wheaton Residents:

Restoration of parkways and landscaping areas within the Wheaton Sanitary District (WSD) Northside Interceptor (NSI) Sewer Replacement project limits has occurred continuously since the Fall of 2021. As Benchmark Construction (BMK) works to complete the NSI improvements this year, areas restored with seed and wetland plantings are being reviewed for establishment of a close healthy stand of the specified grasses.

The WSD is reviewing all restoration work completed since the start of the project and directing BMK to complete mowing, reseeding, or replanting until areas are established with a healthy stand of grass in advance of NSI project completion. BMK will resume restoration work in early September, as allowed by the NSI contract documents, and restore deficient areas in advance of anticipated project completion in late October.

In the meantime, we offer the following maintenance guidance to improve lawn and grass growth:

- Seed Turf – Resident should mow, but leave grass 3” or higher and leave the straw blanket in place.
- Weed Prevalence – The Contractor will spray a 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 WSD will not consider the restoration work complete until parkway and landscaping areas are 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.

There will be additional information about the Project posted to the District’s News Section of its website, (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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