



Newsletter

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago **Upper Des Plaines Pumping Station Rehabilitation And TARP Connection**

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) has contracted F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, LLC, to construct a new sewer diversion structure and rehabilitate the existing pump station located at 1450 Thatcher Avenue in River Forest.

As you may have noticed, initial preparatory work has already commenced at the site with the placement of temporary construction fencing, clearing of brush, placement of office trailers and delivery of construction materials and equipment.

The project consists of two phases and is scheduled to be complete in April, 2009. In the first phase, a new diversion structure will be constructed entirely below ground. A large shaft will be excavated to expose and tie-in to an existing sewer line approximately 60' below the surface. A new underground pipe will also be installed from the diversion structure to a drop shaft leading to the deep tunnel (TARP). In the second phase, equipment inside the pump station will be replaced. The pump station building will also receive new windows and doors, a new roof and the brick exterior will be restored. After major construction has completed, the site will be restored with new trees, shrubs and grass. Additionally, a new and upgraded odor control system will be installed on the site.

In order to minimize disturbances to the community, no blasting or driving will be used during construction. Off-site parking arrangements have been established in an effort to minimize parking of construction personnel vehicles along Thatcher Ave. All work will be performed between the hours set forth by the Village of River Forest. These hours are available for your viewing on the Village of River Forest web site:

<http://www.river-forest.us/departments/pw/index.php>

We appreciate your cooperation during this public works improvement and rehabilitation project. If you have any questions, please contact Daryl Lesny with F.H. Paschen at (773) 253-4799.

Phase 1:
Construct New
Diversion
Structure

Phase 2:
Pump Station
Rehabilitation

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1450 Thatcher Rd.
River Forest, IL

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