

St. Johns – Cathedral Park Sewer Repair Project

The Bureau of Environmental Services works with Portland residents and businesses to protect water quality, public health, and the environment through wastewater collection and treatment, sewer construction and maintenance, stormwater management, and stream and watershed restoration.



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Dear Neighbor,

Environmental Services – your public sewer and stormwater services provider – is designing a project to repair more than 15,000 feet (or about 3 miles) of public sewers in the St. Johns and Cathedral Park neighborhoods. Many of the sewer pipes are about 80 years old and in deteriorating condition. This project will protect the public and the environment by reducing the possibility of sewage releases to homes, businesses and streets. While construction is still more than a year away, we are reaching out to you now so you can help us design the best possible project.

We will be available to talk more about the project and answer questions at the following upcoming opportunities:

- Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Environmental Services Water Pollution Control Lab, 6543 N Burlington Ave.
- Kruger's Farm / St. Johns Food Carts (7316 N Lombard St.)
4:00–7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 10, 2016

We will continue to update you at future neighborhood association meetings and smaller informational gatherings.

To be added to the project's email update list, please email **Debbie.Caselton@portlandoregon.gov** with "St. Johns-Cathedral Park" in the subject line. Let us know as soon as possible if you have concerns about this project, such as business operations, disability issues, medical or business deliveries, and other information you want us to consider. For this phase of the project design, we would like to hear from you by **November 23**.

Call us any time you have a question, suggestion or concern about how this important sewer repair project might affect you and your neighbors. Thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation.

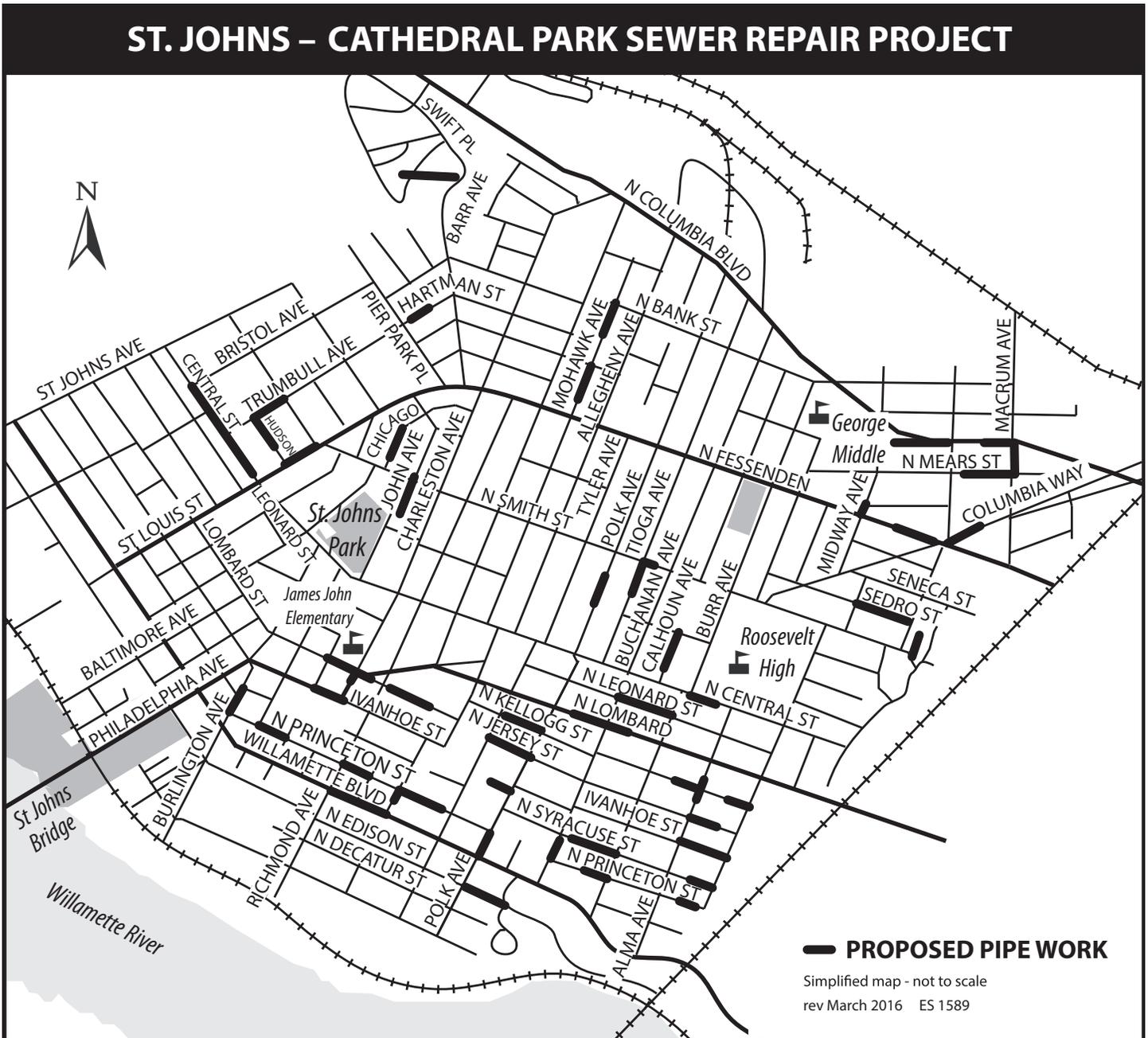
Sincerely,

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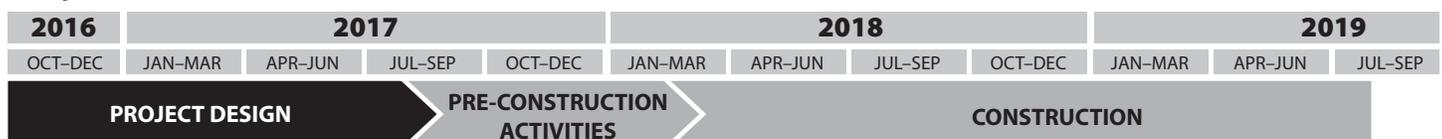
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Proposed Work Areas

Check the map below to see where work will occur in the St. Johns – Cathedral Park project. The current design proposes construction only on the streets indicated with bold highlights on the map. This map may change as engineers gather additional information.



Project Timeline



Why Are There So Many Repairs Planned for Your Neighborhood?

This project is part of the city's program to maintain and upgrade the public sewer system. In the early 1900s, when Portland was growing rapidly, the city built hundreds of miles of sewers. Most of these pipes have never been upgraded and have reached the end of their expected lifespan. Portland is now facing an urgent need to modernize our aging sewer infrastructure. Environmental Services has launched a large-scale effort to repair or replace the highest priority pipes. St. Johns and Cathedral Park are two of the neighborhoods that will benefit.

Replacing aging and deteriorating sewer pipes with modern materials that are more durable and resistant to blockages than the materials used 80 to 100 years ago will provide a safe, efficient and reliable sewer system for your neighborhood and the city.

Upcoming Work: Soil Sampling

Beginning in November 2016, work crews will be drilling holes in streets at future construction sites to collect soil and rock samples that will help design engineers understand conditions that construction crews may encounter. Analyzing the samples will help determine construction methods.

Before drilling starts, crews will be in the neighborhood to locate and mark underground utilities by painting stripes on streets and sidewalks or placing colored flags in landscaped areas. To learn what each color means, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/precon.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING SOIL SAMPLING

Work crews will collect samples Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. They will work in several locations a day within the same general area. Work at each site may take several hours, and crews may work in the same location for up to two days.

Drilling will leave holes a few inches in diameter that work crews will fill immediately after drilling. This

work will require temporary lane restrictions and on-street parking closures. There may be brief periods of noise, dust and mild vibration during drilling.

We Welcome Your Suggestions

What you know about your neighborhood will help us design this project. So, please take some time to consider the needs of your neighborhood and let us know by November 23 about the following:

- **Special Events** – dates, times, locations and coordinator contacts for annual or regularly scheduled events
- **Community gathering places** – places where we could drop off our flyers
- **Business operations** – employee and customer parking, freight loading zones, bay door access, hours of operation
- **Medical** – disability issues, medical deliveries, disabled parking spaces
- **Neighborhood and business associations** – We will be presenting at the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association on November 8. We will present at additional meetings and events as the project progresses. Watch for flyers or postcards about these opportunities to learn more about the project, ask questions and give us your input.
- **What did we forget?**



CATHEDRAL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday,
November 8

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**Bring your
neighbors!**

Learn more about the project
at an upcoming neighborhood
association meeting.

TIMES AND LOCATIONS INSIDE.

The City of Portland complies with all non-discrimination laws including Title VI (Civil Rights) and Title II (ADA). To request a translation, accommodation or additional information, please call 503-823-7740, or use City TTY 503-823-6868, or Oregon Relay Service: 711.

Over one-third
of Portland's 2,500 miles
of sewer pipes are more
than 80 years old.
Projects to replace or
repair aging sewers are
important for protecting
water quality, public
health and
the environment.

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At a glance

Sewer improvements will help protect the public and the environment by reducing the possibility of costly breaks, leaks, blockages and sewage releases to homes, businesses and streets.



Nearly 3 miles–

Amount of public sewer pipe to be repaired or replaced



80 years old–

Average age of existing pipes to be repaired or replaced

GET THE LATEST UPDATES!

- ✓ **On the web:** www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/StJohnsCPark
- ✓ **Sign up for email updates by emailing** Debbie.Caselton@portlandoregon.gov **with "St. Johns-Cathedral Park" in the subject line.**



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