

LETTER OF INFORMATION FROM THE VILLAGE ENGINEER'S OFFICE  
HIGHLAND DRIVE NORTH PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY PROJECT

April 29, 2024

Dear Resident:

The Village of Elm Grove has been planning for the construction of a new pedestrian pathway located along Highland Drive between North Avenue and Gebhardt Road. The pathway will be located on the west side of Highland Drive, entirely within the Village owned right-of-way. The pathway will not be constructed on private property. Work will consist of limited tree removal, the construction of a 6-FT wide asphalt pathway, miscellaneous storm sewer and culvert work, and minor grading. The pathway work has been designed and bids have been received for construction. Construction is slated to begin in May.

The Contractor for this work is C.W. Purpero, Inc. An exact schedule for the different phases of work is still being finalized, however, tree removal and clearing and grubbing of brush and landscaping that conflict with the pathway installation and grading **will begin on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, weather dependent**. The project is expected to be completed by Labor Day and some minor grass restoration work may need to occur in Fall or in early Spring 2025, depending on how the 2024 growing season ends.

The Village has coordinated with residents who have permanent fixtures within the right-of-way that will be impacted by construction. The Contractor will salvage any hardscape items located within the right of way, such as landscape stones, and provide them to the property owner if they are not removed prior to the project beginning. **If you would like to salvage any landscaping items yourself, please do so before May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Flowers, plants, and other bushes within the right-of-way that conflict with the roadway widening, ditching, or pathway installation, will be removed and disposed of by the Contractor.

It is not anticipated that any of the work will impact mailboxes, however, if your mailbox needs to be temporarily removed for any grading work, a temporary one will be placed at the end of your driveway. Access will be maintained for mail delivery throughout the entire project. Your mailbox will be re-installed when the ditch grading is completed.

Access will be maintained at all times for garbage collection, mail delivery, emergency vehicles, and resident access. There will be signs posted at both ends of Highland indicating that the roadway is closed to thru-traffic to assist with detouring pass-through traffic around the project site. The roadway will remain open to local traffic, but periodic lane closures may occur depending on the work occurring. Flaggers will be on-site when a lane of traffic is closed. Access will be maintained to resident driveways at all times but may be temporarily impacted for short periods of time. The Contractor will coordinate with each resident in advance of performing work on your driveway.

The normal working hours for the Contractor for this project are from 7:00AM to 7:00PM, Monday through Friday. No work will take place on Sundays or any holidays. Depending on weather or schedules, work may occur on a Saturday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM if requested by the Contractor and written approval is given by the Village. Any deviations from these working hours requires written approval by the Village and we will do our best to notify residents of changes.

We understand that construction projects, such as this one, can be an inconvenience to your normal day-to-day routines. We are asking for your patience and understanding during this time so that we can complete this project as quick, efficient, **and safe** as we possibly can. When entering and exiting the work zone, please drive slowly and pay attention to any directions given by the workers. Please allow for a few extra minutes of travel when commuting into or out of the work area, in the event that a lane closure is taking place.

The large culvert that crosses Highland Drive will be replaced in June as part of a separate project. More information on that project and road closures will be forthcoming at a later date.

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It's also important to note that the construction of the pathway involves a new crossing at the Canadian Pacific-Kansas City railroad crossing. We are currently working on receiving final approval for the work. We are hoping to complete the work in 2024, but depending on weather and final approval from the railroad, the work for the railroad crossing may need to wait until Spring of 2025. All other path work will be completed prior to labor day and the path will be gapped at the railroad right-of-way and blocked off until the crossing is completed and accepted by the railroad. Updates will be provided as the project progresses.

It is our goal to limit inconvenience and provide you with the most up-to-date information as we get it. To keep you up to date, we will be issuing periodic email updates to notify you of planned work and schedule changes. **If you would like to be part of these email updates, please send an email to Peter Gesch, Project Manager at [pgesch@ruekert-mielke.com](mailto:pgesch@ruekert-mielke.com). I can also be reached at 262-953-3014.** I will be providing construction oversight of the project on behalf of the Village of Elm Grove. Richard Paul, Jr., Director of Public Works, is also available to be contacted at [rpauljr@elmgrovewi.org](mailto:rpauljr@elmgrovewi.org) or 262-782-6700. Ruekert & Mielke will also have a Construction Review Technician on-site most days while the Contractor is working – this individual can be approached on-site for urgent matters, if necessary.

**As you begin to see survey markings/stakes and utility flags throughout the project area and in front of your home, please do not touch or remove them.** These markers, flags, and stakes are extremely important for the safety of the construction crews and quality of the project.

A copy of the Construction Plans will be made available on the Village's Website under Our Community > Community Projects > Highland Drive Pathway Construction. Schedule updates and other pertinent information will also be added to this page. Please scan the QR code below to be taken directly to the webpage.



Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance to you in any way.

Respectfully,

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