

35th Avenue N flood mitigation project

Project overview

Public Works is constructing a project to help reduce flooding. This project will replace stormwater pipes, add traffic calming, and add green infrastructure. Construction will begin in summer 2026.

During construction, there will be road closures, detours, and construction noise.

Project highlights

- Reduce flooding of streets and houses.
- Add green infrastructure to improve water quality and reduce runoff.
- Prepare the neighborhood for future storms and climate impacts.

Improvements to our local sewer system help protect public health and improve safety. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



Next steps

Construction for 35th Avenue North will begin in fall 2026. Substantial completion is anticipated by fall 2028. To meet this timeline, the project will be delivered in five construction phases.

Learn more

To learn more about the project and receive updates, visit the project webpage and subscribe through the GovDelivery email subscription service by entering your email. You may also contact the project manager, Matt Allie at 612.673.2419



Scan the QR code or visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/government/projects/35th-ave-flood-mitigation/

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Construction schedule

Local access to residences and businesses will be maintained. All alleys will have at least one end open at all times during construction. No parking will be allowed on blocks undergoing construction. Expect increased noise and vibration during construction. Prepare for potential changes to your typical route and parking access. People walking and rolling can expect sidewalk ramps to be removed and reconstructed during the project, all users should follow the posted detours for any closures.

Legend

Local Traffic Detour

Work Area

Note: Contractor required to maintain access to homes on closed streets, likely via alleyways and temporary driveways, where applicable.



Phase 1: October 2026 - December 2026
36th Avenue N sanitary sewer relocation
Detour: Xerxes Avenue N, 37th Avenue N, Queen Avenue N



More detailed schedule information will be shared as available through the web page, email newsletters and at office hours meetings. Time frames listed on the fact sheet are subject to change.

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Frequently asked questions

How much notice will I have, and how is it provided, for closures, temporary closures, or service shutoffs?

Ideally two to four weeks notice will be given for long term closures. Temporary closures and other disruptions, such as temporary water service shutoffs, will be shared at least 48 hours in advance. Temporary service shutoffs will be shared through email newsletters. Staff will also notify affected properties directly and leave a door hanger if no one answers the door.

How will City services (e.g., trash collection) be impacted?

Solid waste and recycling collection will occur as regularly scheduled. Snow removal will be completed on an as needed basis, at least as frequently as normal conditions. Temporary water shutoffs will only occur at some addresses, if water service reconnections are needed.

What sustainable features does the design incorporate?

The City's stormwater ordinance will be met using rain gardens. Rain gardens are a type of green stormwater infrastructure that collect and treat stormwater. They reduce runoff and remove pollutants. As an added benefit, they provide greening and reduce heat island effect.

Will trees in the area be removed as part of the project?

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) owns and manages the urban forest within the public right-of-way. Public Works coordinates work closely with MPRB staff, who provide an inventory of trees by species and condition. Careful design enabled us to maximize the number of mature trees preserved on this project. 163 trees of 189 total trees in the area will be preserved.

Do I need to maintain the rain gardens?

Residents living near rain gardens do not need to plant or weed the rain garden. Maintenance crews will help manage the gardens for two years following installation this summer. Trash removal by residents is appreciated. You can contact 311 to report maintenance needs in rain gardens.

How is parking impacted?

Parking will be removed from the south side of the street on 35th Avenue N between Washburn Avenue and Russell Avenue, 34th Avenue N between Washburn Avenue and Upton Avenue, and 34th Avenue N between Sheridan Avenue and Russell Avenue. Parking bays will be used on the north side of the street on all blocks listed above. This will result in reductions to parking capacity in the blocks bounded by 36th Avenue N, 34th Avenue N, Washburn Avenue N, and Russell Avenue N, from 2.7 street parking spaces per home to 2.3 spaces.

How can I stay informed about construction updates?

Project staff and construction staff will hold office hours meetings during construction. Sign up for email updates related to the project and construction updates.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

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