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City set to embark on \$2.275 million Morley project

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Another portion of road in the city of Dearborn will be closed off beginning next month as city road personnel begin work on a \$1.75 million storm sewer separation project on Morley Avenue, between Military and Monroe, shutting the road down to Morley residents only.

The Dearborn City Council unanimously approved the road/sewer project at its Feb. 2 meeting. The job part of city's ongoing efforts to prevent Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) from entering the Rouge River, according to Dearborn City Council President Tom Tafelski. Preventing CSOs will boost river water quality, according to information received by the Press & Guide from city of Dearborn Public Information spokesman Randy Coble on Thursday).

The detailed project has several aspects, including:

- the construction of a new storm sewer of 1,800 linear feet along Morley between Monroe and Military;
- replacing 410 linear feet of existing sanitary sewer between Military and Morley Court;
- complete repaving of Morley, along with new driveway aprons for all residents (sod is scheduled to be replaced in September). Also, repaving of one block of Howard and one block of Mason, both between Morley and Garrison;
- new 8-inch water mains to be installed, replacing existing 6-inch diameter pipes;
- New storm sewer pipes from 12 inches to 30;
- Existing 21-inch pipes, which currently carry both storm and sanitary waste along both sides of Morley, will not be replaced. These pipes will become dedicated sanitary sewers for this area.

Morley will be closed to all traffic except residents of the street, Coble said.

The proposed start date is mid-March, with a scheduled completion time of just before Dearborn Homecoming in early August, Tafelski said.

The second part of this project, Coble said, calls for the reconstruction of Oakwood between Morley and Michigan Avenue. This road repair is scheduled to begin in August — after Homecoming — and run through November. That price tag is \$400,000.

The total cost of the project — storm sewer separation, reconstruction of Oakwood, a Federal grant (via Wayne County) of \$150,000 with a city match of \$225,000 — is \$2.275 million.

"The project will be done by Homecoming," Tafelski said, "and it will give residents better roads and better sidewalks."