



Rehabilitation of Creekbed Sewers: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Creekbed Sewer Rehabilitation Project?

DC Water will rehabilitate aging sewer infrastructure within three parks managed by Rock Creek Park within Northwest DC: Glover Archbold, Dumbarton Oaks, and Normanstone.

2. What are the benefits of this project?

- Protecting the park from potential overflows by rehabilitating manholes and pipes that have outlived their design life.
- Enhancing the environment and water quality through the rehabilitation of sewer and storm assets and stream restoration efforts that aim to extend the life of these assets within the park.

3. How can I learn more about the project?

Visit the project website at: [Rehabilitation of Creekbed Sewers | DC Water](#)

4. When will the project begin and end?

The project's preliminary work, including inspection and environmental surveys which will help inform environmental analyses, public involvement, design, and construction, began in May 2025 and is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2026. The current schedule of the work is on the project website and will be updated as milestones and work progresses.

5. What are the construction work hours?

The field work is being conducted between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Future project construction schedule information will be posted to the project website.

6. Will there be work at night or on the weekends?

No field work is anticipated at night or during the weekends.

7. What construction activities are involved in field inspections, surveys, and investigations?

No construction will be performed during the field inspections, surveys, and investigations.

8. Will inspection and investigations impact use of the trail?

The project team will need to access manholes located along the trail requiring use of the trail to minimize and avoid vegetation impact. To alert trail users, personnel will walk in front and behind the equipment. The crew and equipment will be staged next to the trail during the inspection work and if that is not possible, the trail may be temporarily blocked for up to 10-15 minutes.

9. How will the project impact wildlife and vegetation?

The project team will be working closely with NPS to minimize any impact on wildlife and vegetation during the field inspections and survey work. Future impacts to wildlife and vegetation during construction have not been determined.

10. Will there be impacts on trees to include removal?

Tree surveys are being performed throughout the park to collect a current tree inventory and tree health conditions. Tree impacts during construction have not been determined. The project team will be working with NPS to minimize tree impacts.

11. Will new trees be planted?

DC Water will work with NPS to determine appropriate restoration measures during the environmental analysis. Restoration will occur at the culmination of the project.

12. What measures are taken to protect the environment?

Environmental surveys are underway to document current conditions that will be taken into consideration in the proposed design. Vegetation protection, erosion, and sediment control plans will also be prepared for use during construction. Restoration plans, prepared with NPS, will be implemented after construction.

13. Where will workers park?

The construction limits of disturbance and access routes have not been defined. In the rare instance that the crew needs access to roadways or parking within private properties, the team will coordinate directly with the property owner or point of contact.

14. Where will equipment be staged?

Construction staging areas have not been identified. DC Water will work with NPS and DDOT to obtain the necessary permits for staging areas and information will be posted on the project website.

15. What is the process for restoration?

Restoration following construction has not been determined. DC Water will work with NPS to determine the appropriate restoration measures at the culmination of the project.

16. How will DC Water notify the community of any pause/delay in construction?

DC Water will provide regular project updates to the community through various forums such as dedicated project meetings to include ANCs, the project website, and electronic/mail notifications.

17. Who can I contact if I have additional questions or need more information about the project?

For any project questions, please contact:

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18. Is there someone I can call if there is an emergency?

If there is an emergency please contact DC Water's 24-Hour Emergency Line: 202-612-3400