

ROCK CREEK MAIN INTERCEPTOR PROJECT

ROCK CREEK MULTI-USE TRAIL AND ROCK CREEK AND POTOMAC PARKWAY CLOSURE

OVERVIEW

The Rock Creek Main Interceptor (RCMI) is a major sewer line carrying 100 million gallons of wastewater a day. During routine inspections, DC Water identified structural issues and the need for immediate repairs to prevent a potential failure. Due to the location next to Rock Creek, any failure would risk discharging sewage into the waterway. The repairs are a high priority project included in DC Water's Capital Improvement Program. Work will occur along Rock Creek and Potomac Pkwy Northwest starting near the John Francis Education Campus (2425 N St NW, Washington, DC 20037) and running south towards Rock Creek and Potomac Pkwy/Virginia Ave.

SCOPE OF WORK

This project involves repairs on approximately 3,000 linear feet of the 72-inch diameter main. To complete the work, wastewater will be diverted from the RCMI pipeline into nearby sewer lines. Gates at three locations—National Park Service (NPS) property near the Smithsonian National Zoo, along the Rock Creek Trail near Rose Park, and along 30th Street NW near the Georgetown Waterfront—will need to be repaired to manage the flow during construction work and wet weather.

Once the restoration is complete, the flow will be diverted to allow DC Water to begin repairs inside the pipe. During wet weather, construction will halt and the gates near the Zoo and Georgetown Waterfront will be opened to allow flow through RCMI to increase capacity and help prevent overflows. Once the wet weather passes, the gates will be reopened to divert flow and allow construction to resume.

This sheet describes the two-phase work that will be taking place along the Rock Creek Trail near Rose Park.

- Phase 1 construction work includes repairing the two gates located inside a structure along the Rock Creek Multi-use Trail. Cleaning will also be done in the structure to remove debris, which will allow the gates to be fully operational. In order to conduct these repairs and cleaning, the Rock Creek Multi-use Trail will need to be closed for public safety between P Street NW and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. A trail detour will be provided through Rose Park.
- Phase 2 construction work includes the RCMI pipeline repair and supplemental inspections.

SCHEDULE

PHASE 1 – Rock Creek Multi-use Trail closure with trail detour through Rose Park and Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway Road Closure (see Page 2 figures)

There will be multiple dates (estimated 5-7 separate dates, to be determined) that the Rock Creek Multi-use trail and one lane of Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway NW will be closed as part of Phase 1 work. The next date(s) for closure is presented below. As other trail closure dates are defined, DC Water will update and issue notifications:

- Construction Start: Friday, March 27, 2026 at 8 PM
- Construction Completion: Monday, March 30, 2026 at 5 AM
- Anticipated work hours: 24/7, contractor will work at night and on the weekend

PHASE 2 – RCMI Pipeline Repair

- Construction Start: April 2026
- Construction Completion: April 2027
- Anticipated work hours: To be determined

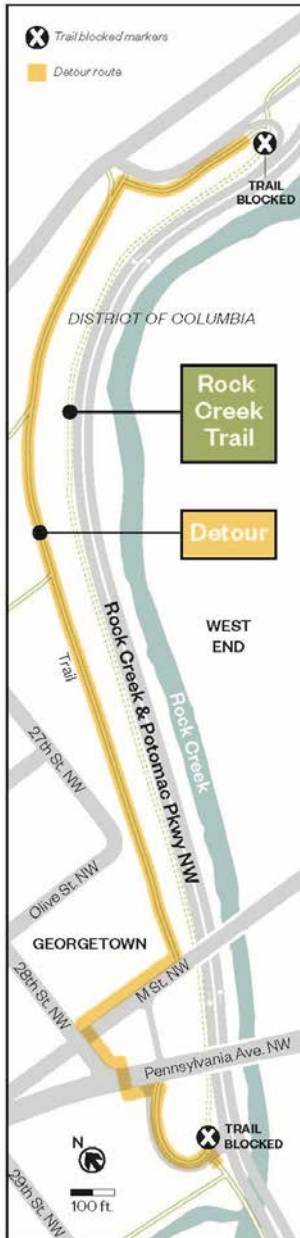
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Construction noise may be noticeable around this location due to trucks and other heavy equipment necessary for repairs and cleaning. Noise levels will be monitored to ensure compliance with all appropriate regulations.

TRAFFIC

- One lane of the Rock Creek and Potomac Pkwy NW (South Bound) between P Street and Pennsylvania Ave NW will be closed full-time during the Gate Restoration and Cleaning.
- The Rock Creek Trail between Pennsylvania Ave and Lauzuns Legion Bridge will be closed full time during the Gate Restoration.

PHASE 1 – ROCK CREEK MULTI-USE TRAIL AND LANE CLOSURE



CLOSURE DATES (CONTINGENT ON WEATHER CONDITIONS)

- November 7-10, 2025
- November 14-17, 2025
- January 16-17, 2026
- February 27-March 2, 2026
- March 27-30, 2026

PARTNERS

- DC Water is working closely with NPS to reduce the number of times the Rock Creek Multi-Use Trail and Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway will be closed during construction. In addition, regular updates will be provided to impacted residents and businesses, Advisory Neighborhood Commission representatives for 2A and 2E, Ward 2 representatives in the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services, and Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto and members of her staff.

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