



Village of Algonquin

The Gem of the Fox River Valley



June 12, 2023

Residents of Souwanas Trail, Oceola Drive, and Schuett Street

Re: Construction Notice

Recently, the Village of Algonquin and the Illinois Department of Transportation awarded a construction contract to Benchmark Construction of Bartlett, Illinois, to construct the Souwanas Trail, Oceola Drive, and Schuett Street Improvements project. This project consists of critical underground improvements including, replacing, upsizing and extending the undersized sanitary sewer along the entire length of Souwanas Trail to the interceptor under the Fox River, additional trunk line storm sewer on Souwanas Trail, drainage improvements at the west half of Schuett Street, and water main replacement on Schuett Street. Roadway improvements include removing the existing asphalt roadway, stabilizing the underlying base, removing and replacing sidewalk, driveway aprons, and curb and gutter, ADA crosswalk updates, striping, tree planting, and landscape restoration.

Private utility relocation work is ongoing for the last five months, with an expected completion in early July. The underground and roadway construction project is currently scheduled to commence the week of June 19, 2023, with construction through the remainder of 2023, followed by a winter shutdown period. When the weather breaks in the spring of 2024, work will commence with an estimated completion at the end of November 2024. This project is receiving \$1.5 million from the Surface Transportation Program (STP-L), with the remaining funds from the Capital Improvement budget of the Village of Algonquin.

While the contractor works to minimize inconveniences, construction presents challenges such as dirt, dust, deep trenches and excavations, and noise. A detour will be set up diverting through traffic off of Souwanas Trail between Riverwood Drive to Vista Drive. Outside the detour limits, temporary road closures may occur at various times due to construction operations. In addition, temporary road closures or drive access impacts may occur at various times. Should an improvement directly impact access to your property, you will be notified at least 48 hours prior via a door hanger. The contractor will also knock on your door before removing access. The door hanger will notify you of the length of inaccessibility to your driveway.

Please note that any private systems, such as lawn sprinklers, lighting, electric pet fencing, etc., within the Village-owned right-of-way are the responsibility of the affected property owner and will not be repaired by the Village or its contractor. The entire project limits will be videotaped just before construction, including driveways, mailboxes, and parkways, for reviewing any related damage claims during the project.

The Village requests that all inquiries and or comments be made to the Public Works Department. Contact with the contractor is not recommended as the site can be unsafe and the site workers are not always up to date with all the project's requirements. **All inquiries and concerns should be addressed to Josh, Resident Engineer either through email at jschmitt@hrgreen.com or by calling 815-276-2081.** Residents are also encouraged to download and utilize the "Algonquin Fix It" (aka See Click Fix) phone application and to get connected to the Village via our website and social media feeds on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please visit the project website <https://www.souwanasandschuettimprovementproject.org/> for more project information and to sign up for construction email updates.



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Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this important public improvement. With your patience and understanding, the Village will efficiently and effectively manage this project and provide a valuable new asset to your neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clifton V. Ganek".

Clifton V. Ganek, P.E.
Village Engineer

PROJECT MAP



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