

MEMORANDUM



TO: JEFFREY HERCZEG, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
FROM: MEGAN MIKUS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
SUBJECT: RANDOLPH STREET DRAIN SERENITY POINT AND RIVERBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT
DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The Randolph Street Drain is an Intercounty Drainage District formed in the 1970s. Maintenance and construction projects related to stormwater management in this drainage district are funded through assessments that are apportioned amongst the following public entities:

Public Corporation	*Percentage of Apportionment
City of Northville	62.19039%
City of Novi	35.40427%
Road Commission for County of Oakland on account of drainage to county highways	2.07760%
County of Wayne	0.32774%



In 2022, the City of Northville applied for and was awarded a Congressional Community Project Funding Grant to repair and revitalize the Randolph Street Drain at Northville's Ford Field Park. The Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Office is managing construction as they are responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the drainage district. This project is one component of the City of Northville's planned improvements to Ford Field Park West.

The Randolph Street Drain Serenity Point and Riverbank stabilization project's goals are:

- Deter ongoing erosion of the outfall to stabilize the river embankment.
- Secure the structural security of Hutton Street that abuts the headwall.
- Reduce sediments from the outfall discharging into the Rouge River.
- Improve the water quality of an "Area of Concern" flagged by the EPA impacting the Great Lakes.
- Introduce new vegetation and natural riprap along the riparian edges to improve aquatic habitat and nesting areas while providing a more natural setting in the park area where the drain has greatly degraded.
- Improve the scenic viewing point overlooking the historic Ford Mill Pond spillway.
- Address a safety hazard and create a serene viewing point, benefiting the visitors who are attracted to this popular regional destination.

The project was bid out and awarded to VIL Construction, the lowest bidder, in late 2024. The City of Novi is responsible for \$148,649.08 of the project's costs.

Included with this memo are the project assessment, estimated project costs, and presentation about the project scope.

More information about the project and the construction schedule can be found on the Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner webpage at:

<https://www.oakgov.com/government/water-resources-commissioner/stormwater/stormwater-projects/randolph-street-drain-serenity-point-and-riverbank-stabilization-project>