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Mayor Madden: Sewer Infrastructure Project Completed in Lansingburgh to Protect Hudson River

New storm water line installed beneath Uncle Sam Trail will help reduce sewer overflows to Hudson River, provide protection for nearby homes against water runoff during heavy storms

Project included repaving of Uncle Sam Trail between Northern Drive and Cemetery Road

Mayor Madden hails project as critical to improving capacity of local sewer system and protecting health of the Hudson River

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TROY, NY – Mayor Patrick Madden today announced the completion of a major sewer infrastructure improvement project in Lansingburgh to reduce combined sewer overflows to the Hudson River by removing storm water from the local sewer system. The project – which included installation of approximately 1,400 liner feet of 30-inch sewer line on the Uncle Sam Trail (bike path) between Northern Drive towards Cemetery Road. This project may also provide protections to nearby homes from water runoff during heavy rainstorm events.

Mayor Madden said, “Ensuring the reliability of our City’s infrastructure systems is critical for the continued growth and vitality of our neighborhoods and community. Completion of this latest infrastructure project not only improves the capacity of our sewer system, it addresses water runoff issues which have previously impacted homes and families in Lansingburgh. I express my appreciation to the public for their patience

shown throughout this project, and thank our City Department of Public Utilities staff and contractors for their efforts to complete this necessary sewer work.”

In addition to installation of the new storm water line, the project included the repaving of over a half-mile of the Uncle Sam Trail from Northern Drive to Cemetery Road to improve biking and walking on the historic rail trail. The Uncle Sam Trail is a 7-mile pedestrian and bike trail consisting of dedicated lanes and shared routes that connect the northern section of Troy through North Central, Downtown Troy, Riverside, and eventually to the Troy-Menands Bridge in South Troy.

“While coronavirus continues to limit public gatherings, recreational amenities like the Uncle Sam Trail have become even more important for those looking to combat cabin fever,” **added Mayor Madden.** “Improvements to the trail create a better, safer surface for those interested in biking, walking, running, or spending time outdoors while practicing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

Project Overview

As part of a Consent Order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) the City removed a storm water line east of the existing bike path at 125th Street and 9th Avenue, replacing it with a newly-installed line under the bike path to divert rainwater to the northern side of Northern Drive and discharge into a nearby creek.

Historically, older storm water lines in communities across the Capital Region were built to connect directly to the existing sewer network. Previously, heavy rain storms would deposit water runoff from the cemetery into the old storm water line. The line traveled behind homes on the south side of 125th Street, eventually depositing the storm water into the City’s combined sewer system. However, heavy runoff during rain events would overwhelm the sewer lines, causing sewer discharges into the Hudson River.

Completion of the Northern Drive storm water separation project is part of the City’s ongoing commitment with neighboring municipalities to reduce sewer overflows and improving the health of the Hudson River as part of the [Albany CSO Pool Communities’ Long-Term Control Plan](#). More than \$130M will be invested in 65 projects and programs to reduce sewer overflows as part of a 15-year long-term plan involving the cities of Albany, Troy, Cohoes, Watervliet, Rensselaer, and the Village of Green Island.

The City recently announced the completion of a [major sewer infrastructure project on Campbell Avenue](#), a multi-year effort which replaced approximately 2,600 linear feet of sewer line between Colleen Road and Sherman Avenue.

The Lansingburgh storm water separation and Campbell Avenue projects were identified in the Mayor’s [2020 State of the City Address](#). Photos from the storm water project are available at: <http://www.troyny.gov/mayor-madden-sewer-infrastructure-project-completed-in-lansingburgh-to-protect-hudson-river/>

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