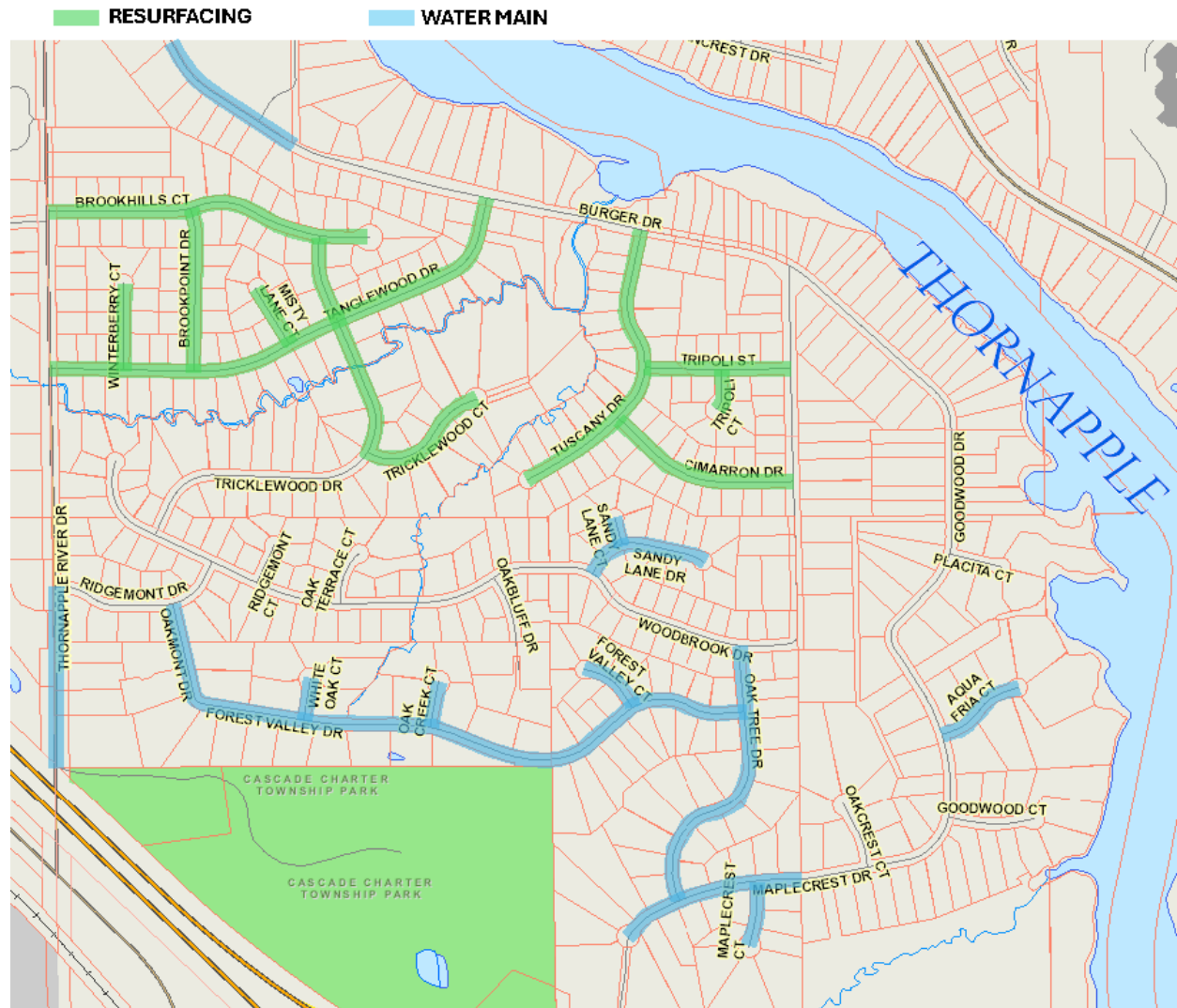


Burger/Goodwood PFAS AOI Phase Two Update 4.30.25



The above map highlights areas of construction in the Burger-Goodwood neighborhood in 2025. The streets in blue indicate watermain installation where properties will be able to connect to city water. The streets in green indicate previously installed watermain that will now be undergoing road resurfacing. The key difference is in project administration and restoration. On the streets where watermain is being laid, restoration will be performed identically as it has been to date. The road resurfacing however is not part of the same contractor work or funding mechanism as the PFAS remediation project. Road resurfacing is a Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) project performed in conjunction with the Township. Residents living on sections of road being resurfaced will receive a [letter with details from KCRC](#). Remaining streets in the neighborhood will be resurfaced in 2026. Streets were divided by construction year given the overall volume of work and in an effort to avoid excessive construction traffic on new road surfaces.

Phase Two Progress

Phase II of the Burger/Goodwood PFAS Remediation Water Project began mid-April of 2025 and crews have been installing new watermain on Maplecrest Dr, Maplecrest Ct, Aqua Fria Ct, Sandy Lane Dr and on Sandy Lane Ct . May will likely bring watermain installation on Forest Valley Dr, Forest Valley Ct, Oak Creek Ct, and White Oak Ct with Burger Dr and Thornapple River Dr South in June and Thornapple River Dr North in July. Storm sewer will be installed on Thornapple River Dr north in August as well as all other uncompleted tie-ins, services, and restoration. Water service taps will be completed for each segment, on a rolling basis, after the main has been pressure tested and chlorinated. Crews will also be addressing restorative efforts in completed areas within the 2024 work locations where grass growth has not been established or restoration concerns remain.

Residents who have not yet obtained a quote for their water service connection are encouraged to contact McDonald Plumbing for a property-specific quote. Please note that once excavation begins, it may take up to a month before the work is completed and irrigation systems are restored.

**McDonald Plumbing Contact info:
Grace Thumser – (616) 698-6771**

As a reminder, the work McDonald Plumbing will be providing will be paid for by the project, not residents. The only fee homeowners would be responsible for is the difference in price if they choose copper for the private portion of the water service, rather than the plastic version that is covered by the project, and any costs associated with retaining their well for irrigation, if they choose to do so.

If residents are concerned with meter and/or service sizing for their home, we recommend they discuss their concerns with McDonald Plumbing when they receive a quote for the property. Residents can also contact Lawrence Olson with the City of Grand Rapids (lolson@grand-rapids.mi.us) as he can also assist with proper sizing.

Property owners should be aware that many irrigation systems will likely be damaged and have lines/zones removed or severed. As part of the contract, CL Trucking and Excavating will be coordinating with an irrigation company to repair these systems at no cost to the property owner.

If you have any concerns regarding the project, please reach out to the project email account at goodwoodwater@gmail.com.

Other Phase Two Information

Unlike the grants that funded Phase I, the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF) obtained for Phase II do not allow multiple plumbing contractors to complete the connections from the road to the residences. McDonald Plumbing was the low bidder for these private side connections and was awarded the contract for all Phase II services.

The Kent County Road Commission enforces standard construction specifications for soil erosion and sedimentation control on all projects within its jurisdiction. Many residents have asked about the black and orange fabric bags placed in some catch basins within the project area. These bags are required by the road commission to prevent dirt and construction debris from entering the storm system, which could restrict sewer capacity during wet weather.

Contractors are responsible for maintaining and emptying these bags as needed. However, they cannot be removed until the road commission determines that grass growth has been sufficiently reestablished to prevent further construction debris from entering the system.

Please continue directing questions on Phase Two of the project to goodwoodwater@gmail.com.

Phase Two Tree Removal

The Township recent sent letters to residences who had one or more trees removed as part of Phase 2 in order to initiate tree restoration. The Township will work with any eligible residences who respond and develop a plan for restoration.

Whole Home Water Filtration System Removal

Residences that had a whole home water filtration system installed due to PFAS contamination have the opportunity to keep the filtration system and take on full responsibility for system maintenance and disposal. Since there is generally a high cost to remove and dispose of the filtration systems, we are requiring all residences who want to keep their whole home filtration system to sign a filter agreement, transferring the title of the filtration system to the homeowner. There will not be an additional cost to the resident from the Township to keep the whole home filtration system. If this is something you are interested in, please email goodwoodwater@gmail.com for a copy of the form and further information.

Groundwater Restrictions

At the beginning of the Goodwood/Berger PFAS investigation, there was discussion that the township may adopt a Groundwater Use Ordinance, like the one adopted in Plainfield Township. Cascade Township does not currently intend to pass any type of Groundwater Use Ordinance because, unlike Plainfield, Cascade was able to secure enough grant funding from the state and federal government to cover the project without requiring the same magnitude of funding from the party at fault which the township identifies as the Gerald R Ford International Airport. Plainfield Township passed a Groundwater Use Ordinance as part of their agreement with Wolverine World Wide that provided for PFAS cleanup costs.

This means that Cascade Township will not be requiring residents to cap their wells or hook up to city water at this time. If the state were to require this type of ordinance in the future, the situation would become more complicated. Depending on the circumstances, the Township may be able to ask the GR Ford Airport to pay for well capping as part of remediation, but that depends on how many years down the line this legislation would be adopted and what it required.

There is already a portion of Cascade Township's ordinance that addresses required city water connections at residences where it is available:

§ 313-83. Public water connection required. [Amended 12-22-1993 by Ord. No. 18-1993; 6-13-2018 by Ord. No. 5-2018]

C. All existing single-family residential structures and multifamily residential structures, including such structures which are covered by an existing Special Assessment District for public water, shall be required to connect to available public water:

(1) When there is a major repair required of the private well, as determined by the Kent County Health Department.

Failure of a well would constitute a 'major repair', as determined by the health department, and would require connection to 'available public water', as defined earlier in the ordinance.

§ 313-82. Definitions. As used in this Part 6, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated: AVAILABLE PUBLIC WATER — Public water pipes located in a right-of-way, easement, highway, street, or public way which crosses, joins, or abuts upon the property and passing not more than 300 feet at the nearest point from a structure.

This means that if your property is closer than 300 ft from public water utilities, whether they were available prior to this project or were installed as a result of this project, and your well fails, you won't be allowed to drill a new well. In this circumstance you would have to move onto city water and there isn't any guarantee that government funding would be available at that time; this would put the monetary burden of connection to city water on the property.

The Township is not currently planning to impose water testing requirements at residences that do not connect during the project.