

PFAS Remediation Water Extension Project Update

August 2
Timeline Update



Plumber List for Water Service Connections

The City of Grand Rapids has approved the following companies as plumbers for making the private service connections:

McDonald Plumbing

Attn: Grace Thumser

(616) 698-6771

gthumser@mcdonaldplumbing.com

BRIK Plumbing

Attn: Kraig Keegstra

(616) 277-1561

kraig@brikplumbing.com

At this time, all project area residents that already have watermain installed in front of their house are eligible to contact the approved plumbers to schedule a connection. If you are unsure whether or not you already have watermain installed in front of your house, you can contact the project team at goodwoodwater@gmail.com for clarification. The plumbers have also been provided a list of homes that are eligible to connect at this time.

Here is the process that will be followed for connections:

- The property owner can coordinate with one or both of the pre-approved plumbing companies and select the company that they feel most comfortable working at their house.
- The plumbing company will provide Prein & Newhof (P&N) and the City of Grand Rapids with a property specific quotation form. This information will also be available to the property owner.
- P&N will coordinate with the City of Grand Rapids to review the property specific quotation form and verify that it is in line with the costs received at the time of bidding.
- Once verification of pricing is validated the plumbing company will be approved to complete the work.

- The plumbing contractor will coordinate with both the City of Grand Rapids and Cascade Township for required inspections.
- After completion of the work, the plumbing company must compile and submit all required paperwork to P&N and the City of Grand Rapids for review and payment.
- The City of Grand Rapids will approve payments to be made directly to the plumbing company.

Please note that each connection is unique and there may be questions you have or issues specific to the connection at your home. Please discuss all those issues with your selected plumber and they will review with the project team to determine what is included in the project costs.

Tree Removals

The tree removals for Phase I of the project are expected to begin the week of August 1st. There are approximately 44 trees scheduled to be removed in the Phase I project area, and trees currently scheduled for removal are flagged with an orange ribbon.

The project engineers did the best they could to avoid tree removals. All trees being removed will be replaced at a 2-1 ratio at the conclusion of the project, but may not be put back in the exact same place to ensure there are no future issues with infrastructure repair.

Interim Clean Water Solutions

Cascade Township and the Kent County Health Department have approved several options for clean water until the public water main project is complete

If you have a positive PFAS test above the MCL limit: The Township has committed to providing a whole house filtration system at no cost to you, including periodic maintenance. If you are interested in this service, please contact Culligan Water – Grand Rapids at 616-791-7150. They have been given a list of households that qualify for this service based on the testing completed by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). If you have a PFAS above the MCL limits that was done by an entity other than EGLE, you can provide it to Township Manager Ben Swayze at bswayze@cascadetwp.com to be added to the list.

If you have a positive PFAS test at any level: The Kent County Health Department is providing free point-of-use filters, including installation and periodic filter changes. If you are interested in this service, please contact the Kent County Health Department at 616-632-7100 or KCPFAS@kentcountymi.gov.

If you live in the PFAS contamination area: The Township has committed to providing bottled water service up until homes are able to connect to the public water system, whether or not they have had a positive PFAS test or not. If you are interested in bottled water service, please contact Culligan Water – Grand Rapids at 616-791-7150.

Water Installation Project Email

In order to help with answering project questions, the project management engineering firm has created a project specific email address. Specific questions regarding the project can be sent to goodwoodwater@gmail.com

P&N Construction Update Page

In addition to the project page maintained by Cascade Township

(<https://www.cascadetwp.com/community/pfas-remediation-water-extension-project>) Prein & Newhof is also maintaining a project page which will be updated regularly regarding weekly work schedules once the project begins: https://www.preinnewhof.com/construction_projects/cascade-goodwood/.