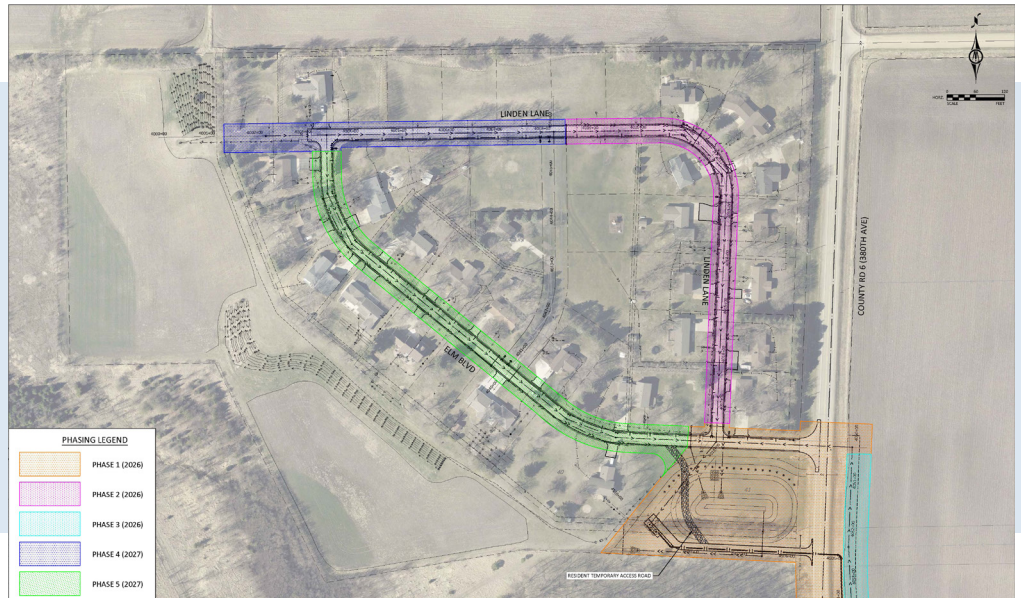


Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a list of frequently asked questions that you may have as we look to complete this project.

What phase of the project will affect my house?

Right is a map of the estimate schedule of the project phases. Construction is expected to begin Spring of 2026, commencing in 2027.



Why is a pond required?

A stormwater pond is required whenever more than 1 acre of impervious surfacing is generated. Examples of Impervious surfacing is bituminous, concrete, or gravel. 2.3 acres of impervious surfacing was added due to expanding the street from 12' to 27' to meet proper access requirements.

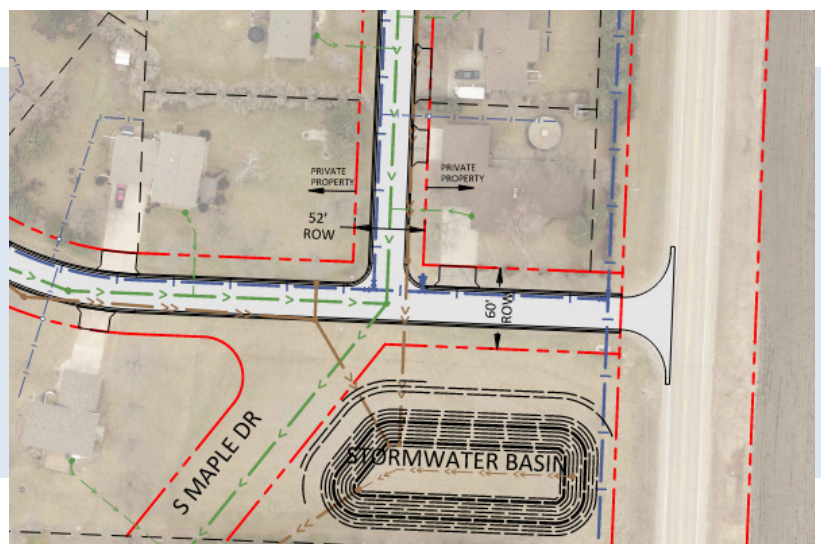
Both a dry pond and wet pond were reviewed during design. A wet pond was designed due to the elevations of pipe and existing conditions of the area.

Can I keep my existing well?

Existing wells will not be allowed to remain and will be properly abandoned as part of the project.

What is a Right of Way?

Right of Way (ROW) is land established to allow installation and maintenance of street and utility improvements. ROW within Riverside Heights varies from 52' to 60'. The photo to the right shows the ROW boundary in red.



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What if I have private improvements in the Right of Way?

If you have improvements such as landscaping, retaining walls, shrubs, bushes, flowers, sheds, irrigation systems, etc., in the right-of-way, it is not the contractor's responsibility to work around them. The property owner is responsible for securing these private improvements and moving them, if necessary, to allow the project to be constructed. Neither the contractor nor city is responsible for damages incurred to private improvements in the right of way. Any underground irrigation lines and heads, dog fences, etc., should be located and marked so they are readily visible.

What about private improvements on my own property?

Construction methods and techniques will be reviewed at each property to minimize disturbances on private property. However, disturbance may still occur to provide adequate sanitary and water service to your home. If private improvements are disturbed outside of the right of way, they will be restored as part of the project.

Why are you removing my tree?

We do not like to remove trees as part of projects but unfortunately there are a handful of reasons why trees need to be removed. Trees marked for removal are for the following reasons:

- Street width and elevation changes
- Service trench
- Emerald Ash Bore

Will I still have water and sanitary while the project is being performed?

Yes, you will continue to have water and sanitary during construction. These services may be modified during construction based on phasing and the contractor, but you will maintain water and sanitary. There might be an occasion where the water needs to be shut down temporarily. If this is the case, proper notices will be given to the affected residents, and it usually only lasts up to 4 hours.

How will my garbage, recycling, and mail be handled?

Garbage and Recycling: Mark bins with house number and place where you normally do. The contractor will move to a location for your provider to pick it up.

Mail: Temporary mailboxes may be used. This will be determined at a later date.

Will I have access to my driveway?

The project will be phased to minimize the amount of access constraints. While construction is occurring in your phase of the project, driveways will be cut off for weeks at a time. We plan to utilize Maple Drive for additional parking during construction.

Access into Riverside Heights will be provided. Please let us know if you have any concerns or will require other accommodation.

Will there be disturbances inside my house?

Inside disturbances will vary depending on whether your water service or sanitary service needs to be rerouted to minimize outside disturbances. Water meters will be installed where the existing pipe enters the home. If this is in a finished area, it may be best to reroute the new water service into an unfinished area.

Inside disturbances will vary by house and scope of work. This information will be discussed with property owners when staff visit your property.

How can I stay informed?

The Riverside Heights project website is not currently active. A newsletter will be sent out to all residents once a contractor has been selected. At that time, the website will be up and running. Residents will be able to visit this website and subscribe for the updates by providing their email address.

If you have immediate questions, you may contact Blue Earth's City Engineer, Ben Rosol, at Benjamin.Rosol@bolton-menk.com or (507) 236-6357.

