

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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"2024 Capital Improvements"

During the short days and cold temperatures of winter, construction season seems a long way off. But, the days are getting longer and the temperatures are getting warmer. That means the 2024 construction season will soon be getting underway, and the City of Sylvania has several capital improvement projects planned.

Most of the projects are being financed in part by State of Ohio grant funds and in cooperation with Lucas County. Over the last few years, almost \$40 million in grant funds have been awarded to the City of Sylvania to help finance various recent and future infrastructure projects.

No tax increases or property owner assessments will be made to pay for these capital improvements. Investing annually in projects like these improve our community and keep Sylvania one of the best places to live and work in northwest Ohio.

To improve pedestrian and school safety at our schools, a project was started last year to replace and modernize the operation of School Zone safety lights. Foundations for the new lights were installed last fall, and the project will be finishing up early this spring.

Another project continuing from last year is the Harroun Park/Ten Mile Creek Restoration Phase 2 extending the stream bank restoration efforts further east along Ten Mile Creek. The State of Ohio mostly funded Phase 1, was pleased with the results and has funded Phase 2 improvements as well, providing \$600,000 of the \$702,000 project. Phase 2 work began last fall and will resume in March.

McCord Road will be milled and resurfaced from Sylvania Avenue to Brint Road. The cost is estimated at \$706,874 with the City's share being \$47,827. Construction will be this summer.

Main Street between Convent Boulevard and Ten Mile Creek will be reconstructed at a cost of \$1,057,497. Sanitary sewer pipes under the road are being improved in conjunction with this project. Traffic will be maintained northbound during the summer construction period.

The third phase of our large diameter sanitary sewer pipe relining project will also take place in 2024, commencing later this month.

We will work with the contractors to complete these improvements quickly and efficiently, and reduce inconvenience to our residents. We appreciate your patience as the projects start up this coming construction season.

Engineering is also underway for improvement projects in the coming years; all paid for in part with state and county grants:

2025: Harroun Road/Ravine Drive Intersection Alignment at Flower Hospital
US23 Intersection Exit/Entry Ramps Realignment/Reconstruction
Downtown Transportation/Streetscape Improvements – Monroe Street to Maplewood Avenue

2026: US23 Intersection Monroe Street Bridge Reconstruction
Downtown Transportation/Streetscape Improvements – Maplewood Avenue to Erie Street

Both the US23 Intersection Improvements and the Downtown Transportation/Streetscape Improvements are transformational projects for Sylvania, and will improve our city's appearance and traffic flow for years to come.

