

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (WASD) is committed to reducing reliance on septic tank systems in portions of Miami-Dade County and transitioning these properties to the department's centralized wastewater system, which would positively benefit the local environment. As part of WASD's ongoing efforts, the department is installing a new sewer force main along NW 2 Avenue between NW 83 Street and NW 85 Street, which is part of the Little River Adaptation Action Area (LRAA). The installation of the new sewer force main will support the planned conversion of the community from septic to sewer through the Connect 2 Protect (C2P) program. Constructed in phases during the next few years, this transition to County wastewater services provides a significant step towards a cleaner and more sustainable environment.

Miami-Dade County's C2P is a multi-year, county-wide program that provides sanitary sewer service to residents currently using septic tank systems. With approximately 120,000 properties relying on septic tanks in the county, the program addresses public health risks, property damage, and environmental impacts, such as those affecting Biscayne Bay.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

During the week of March 25, the contractor will be performing an underground directional drill under the Little River canal along NW 2 Avenue between NW 87 Street and NW 84 Street. This work is expected to be finished within one week.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- There will be temporary road closures within the work zones.
- Please follow detour signs to avoid delays.
- One travel lane will always remain open.
- Due to reduced travel lanes, drivers may experience delays when traveling in this area.
- Please use caution when driving, cycling, or walking in the area.

PROJECT BENEFITS:



ENHANCED PROPERTY VALUE -

Properties connected to a centralized water and sewer system may experience increased property values over those similarly situated properties served by septic tank systems.



REDUCE RISK OF MALFUNCTIONS -

Septic tank systems are vulnerable to rising groundwater, which can cause increased nutrient discharge into Biscayne Bay and result in backups into homes and businesses.



FLEXIBILITY FOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS -

Additional flexibility for home additions and improvements such as room additions, in-ground pools, adding trees and landscaping, driveway placement, etc.



NO SEPTIC MAINTENANCE COST -

Removes the burden and cost of maintaining the septic system.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -

Sanitary sewer service supports economic development by maximizing a property's land use and zoning potential that allow for commercial uses and higher density development.



TIMELINE:

The contractor began construction in late February 2024 with anticipated completion in approximately five months. As upcoming construction phases are planned, the department will continue to provide community outreach communications.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation as the Department continues enhancing the efficiency of our wastewater system.

WHO TO CONTACT:

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