Detours of portions of Military Ridge, Cannonball paths start Monday for sewer replacement project

MADISON — Portions of the Military Ridge Path and Cannonball Path between McKee Road and Dunn’s Marsh, as well as the Velo UnderRound, will be closed starting Monday as construction begins on Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District’s Nine Springs Valley Interceptor.

Detour signage with wayfinding maps has been posted in the construction area and along nearby trail connections to help trail users navigate the construction area. The detour map can also be found at https://link.madsewer.org/NSVI-Project.

This construction project is necessary to replace 4,200 lineal feet of deteriorating sanitary interceptor. An interceptor is the largest component of a sewer network. It receives flow from small sewer lines and directs sewage to the wastewater treatment plant. The portion of the interceptor that is being replaced in this project was built in 1965.

Serving Madison’s west side, Middleton and the cities of Fitchburg and Verona, this project also accommodates increased capacity from these fast-growing parts of the District’s service area.

As a majority of the interceptor runs adjacent to or under the Military Ridge and Cannonball paths, the project includes restoration of the trails as well as other improvements. These improvements include new lighting at Velo UnderRound roundabout; additional signage for trail amenities; removal of invasive species; and restoration of native species in select areas. The District has also avoided disturbing local wetlands to the maximum extent possible.

Learn more about the project and see the detour map at https://link.madsewer.org/NSVI-Project.

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We are a passionate and experienced resource recovery team that aims to protect public health and the environment. Established in 1930 to protect the lakes and streams of the upper Yahara watershed, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District serves about 380,000 people in 26 Madison-area customer communities covering about 186 square miles. The District owns and operates 142 miles of pipe and 18 regional pumping stations that convey approximately 41
million gallons of wastewater to the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant daily. Organized as a municipal corporation, the District is a leader in sustainability and resource reclamation. The District is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2020.