



## **DERRY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

### **Stormwater Management Program Project Update**

### **December 2, 2024**

#### **Ridge Road Drainage Improvements Project**

The existing storm sewer system at the intersection of Ridge Road and West Chocolate Avenue lacks the capacity to properly convey stormwater runoff from its tributary drainage area during severe storm events. The result is ponding and flooding in this intersection, particularly in front of the Hershey Town Square business establishments. To rectify this situation, the Derry Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) has entered into a contract with Ankiewicz Enterprises, Inc. (Ankiewicz) to construct the Ridge Road Drainage Improvements Project (Project). The Project will involve the replacement, upgrade, expansion and a degree of relocation of the storm sewer system from Spring Creek near Hersheypark, along Park Boulevard and Ridge Road, at the Ridge Road and West Chocolate Avenue intersection, and then south along Ridge Road to West Caracas Avenue.

At this time, Project work is actively occurring on the Hershey Company and Hershey Entertainment & Resorts properties north of Park Boulevard.

There will be future phases of the Project construction occurring between December 2024 and February 2025 during which Park Boulevard will have either a single lane or a full road closure and during which Ridge Road will be fully closed from the Hershey Plaza Apartments entrance to Park Boulevard. At all times, vehicle access to Hershey Plaza Apartments and Hershey Towne Square will remain fully open and maintained.

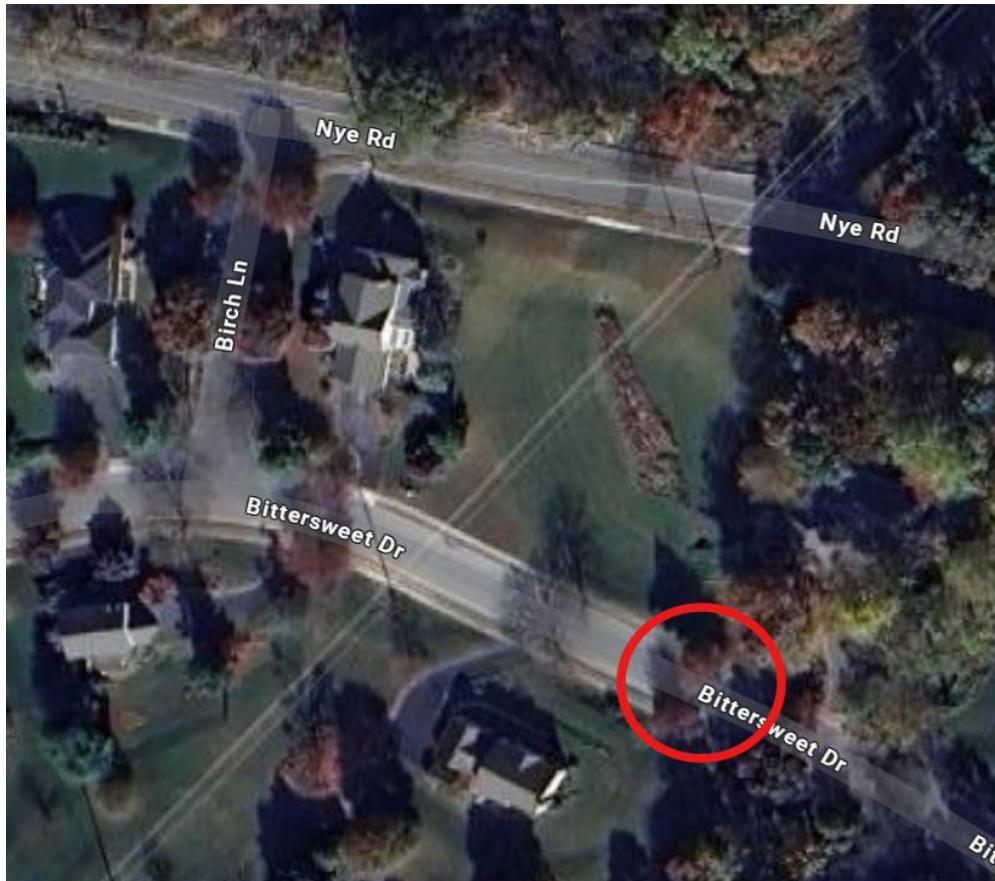
Project work on West Chocolate Avenue will occur at night and will involve closure of a single lane only. DTMA anticipates that the work on West Chocolate Avenue will occur in early spring 2025.

DTMA shall keep the Township, residents and commercial property owners well informed of the Project's status, road closures, detours, items of note, etc. as the Project proceeds.

Lastly, protecting pedestrians and businesses on the northern side of West Chocolate Avenue from wet weather flooding and the splashing of stormwater from passing vehicles is the reason for the orange fencing that has been installed along the curb for some time. Since this Project is now progressing and will solve this stormwater management problem, DTMA is coordinating with the businesses at this location to remove the orange fencing. DTMA hopes to have this fencing removed by the end of 2024.

#### **Bittersweet Drive Storm Sewer Replacements**

DTMA also intends complete a small-scale project that involves the replacement of approximately 100 feet of storm sewers on Bittersweet Drive at a specific location 300 feet east of the intersection of Bittersweet Drive and Birch Lane (see the location photo below). The project will begin the week of December 2, 2024, and will involve a road closure. DTMA expects this project to be completed in December 2024.



As always, DTMA appreciates the Derry Township community's cooperation and partnership while we work to improve our waterways and storm sewer systems.

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