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Public Meeting Set on Stormwater Projects in North Scranton, Tripp Park, and West Scranton

IMPORTANT

- Residents invited to Holy Rosary Center, 316 W. Market St., Scranton, for information about stormwater projects in North Scranton, Tripp Park, and West Scranton.
- Part of Scranton's federal ARPA funding will be used to address problems.
- Tell the City about your stormwater issues at https://bit.ly/scrantonflooding

SCRANTON, Pa. - On Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., the City of Scranton will hold a community meeting at Holy Rosary Hall, 316 W. Market St., Scranton, to discuss stormwater infrastructure projects in the North Scranton, Tripp Park, and West Scranton neighborhoods. The event will include presentations by Borton-Lawson and Reilly Associates.

"The City is increasingly mindful of ways to improve our stormwater management and infrastructure systems to benefit our residents," said Mayor Paige G. Cognetti. "Our partners on these projects are helping us build more resilient systems to protect homes and neighborhoods throughout Scranton. It's important that we engage with residents so they understand how this work will impact them."

Borton-Lawson was awarded contracts in late 2023 for the study, design, and construction consultation of projects in West Scranton and North Scranton. According to the City's request for proposals from September 2023, the West Scranton project area runs from Keyser Creek east to 12th Street and from Fellows Street south to Dartmouth Street. In North Scranton, the project area runs from Rockwell Avenue east to the Lackawanna River and from Interstate 81 south to Wells Street.

Borton-Lawson was also awarded a contract regarding stormwater projects in the City's Minooka section. A public meeting on those projects is also planned, with a date yet to be determined.

The combined engineering costs of Phase I of the Minooka, North Scranton, and West Scranton projects is \$188,335, which will be paid through Scranton's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The Tripp Park stormwater management project will be conducted by Reilly Associates as part of their work as the City's engineering firm.

Scranton's ARPA spending plans, first approved in May 2022 and revised in October 2023, have consistently allocated funding of nearly \$20 million for stormwater and infrastructure projects.

In addition to the public meeting, residents should also use the City's online form to submit information about stormwater and flooding problems that they witness. The form can be accessed directly at www.bit.ly/scrantonflooding.

Residents with issues not related to stormwater and flooding problems should continue to use the City's 311 service by visiting www.scrantonpa.gov/report-a-concern.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021: ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill. The City of Scranton received \$68.7 million in ARPA funds to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts. The mission of Scranton's ARPA program is to give people access to resources, rebuild the infrastructure systems that impact their everyday lives, and foster equitable wealth generation that targets the needs of Scranton residents.

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