

February 16, 2024 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Stormwater Project Meeting Rescheduled to Feb. 26; Separate Meeting on Minooka Project is Feb. 22

IMPORTANT

- Original February 13 meeting was postponed due to potential snowstorm.
- Meeting on North Scranton, Tripp Park, and West Scranton stormwater projects is now Mon., Feb. 26, at Tripp Park Community Center, 2000 Dorothy Street.
- Separate meeting on Minooka stormwater projects set for Thurs., Feb. 22, at John F. Kennedy Elementary, 2200 Prospect Avenue.
- Tell the City about your stormwater issues at https://bit.ly/scrantonflooding

SCRANTON, Pa. – The City of Scranton has rescheduled a public meeting on stormwater infrastructure projects in North Scranton, Tripp Park, and West Scranton to Mon., Feb. 26, at 5:30 p.m., at the Tripp Park Community Center, 2000 Dorothy St., Scranton. The event will include presentations by Borton-Lawson and Reilly Associates.

A separate meeting on stormwater projects in Scranton's Minooka section is set for Thurs., Feb. 22, at 5:30 p.m., at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, 2200 Prospect Ave., Scranton, with presentations from Borton-Lawson.

"We are keeping residents informed about how our infrastructure projects will impact them. Your feedback is also critical for our teams to understand any issues that have not yet been captured in the scope of work," said Mayor Paige G. Cognetti. "These ongoing stormwater projects help us prepare for future weather events before they occur."

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. In Minooka, generally north of Davis Street, west of Cemetery Street, south of Sanders Street, and east of the Lackawanna River.

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 meetings, 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 <u>www.bit.ly/scrantonflooding</u>.

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

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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