

Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District: Interceptor rehabilitation project taking shape

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(Kaukauna, Wis.) – An interceptor rehabilitation project by the [Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District](#) (HOVMSD) is starting to take shape, which is good news for area residents. With a goal of receiving bids for the project late this year, HOVMSD continues to develop the final design and plan for the project, which will ensure area residents can “flush and forget it” for many years to come.

The project calls for installation of a liner inside the concrete interceptor pipe that carries sewage to the district’s treatment plant after video inspection found extensive surface corrosion. “The new liner that will be installed is resistant to acid, which has caused the corrosion,” said Brian Helminger, HOVMSD Director. “The corrosion threatens the longevity of the pipe. Without action now, there will be more extensive damage over time which will be more costly to repair.”

The 5.5-mile interceptor system was originally installed in 1977 to serve Kaukauna, Kimberly, Little Chute, Combined Locks and the Darboy Sanitary District. Helminger adds that the interceptor is structurally sound and has the remaining capacity to collect and treat wastewater for many years without major upgrades while protecting public health and the environment.

Strategic Municipal Services (SMS) of Plymouth, Wis. is the lead engineer for the

project. The current timeline calls for project bids to be accepted in the fourth quarter of 2022, with project construction scheduled to take place in 2023 and 2024.