

70th Street Project Current Activities

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Another week come and gone and things are starting to take a little more shape... or less shape depending on where you look. The contractor has two crews working on opposite ends of the project. For the most part they will continue working both ends and meeting in the middle. Most of the west end of the project, through the open field, has been stripped of topsoil and preparation of the road base is moving forward. The east end of the project is still the busy end as grading and small utility work try to work around each other and still make progress.

The existing soils in some areas continue to be a challenge. It seems that the contractor is having to put in a lot of work to dry all the soils they encounter, even the stuff a few feet below the surface. This is probably due to a combination of the consistent rains as well as the fact that the entire area is pretty flat and small pockets of water end up get trapped everywhere. As I mentioned last week the contractor and our construction observers are doing their best to keep an eye out for any draitiles either on the surface or buried and repair them as the grading moves along. Any and all help is much appreciated if you know of the location of any draintile. Feel free to stop the contractor or one of our construction observers and let them know if you know something is in the area they are working.

Next week we anticipate grading to continue along both ends. They will probably try and excavate the wetland crossing at the very south end of the project along Oakwood Avenue. This will probably entail opening up the entire road to remove 20'+ of muck in this location. While this work is being do, all access from the south will be completely shut off for a few days. Residents will still be able to make it to their properties from the north along CSAH 37/70th Street. Also next week the small utilities will be approaching the roundabout and hopefully moving south along Oakwood Ave. Once they are far enough ahead, the storm sewer and culvert work can start. We are hoping that the new utility lines can be installed and energized by the end of the following week which would allow the remaining grading along CSAH 37 to be completed. We are crossing our fingers and hoping for a stretch of good weather.