



Water Advisory Council

July 8, 2026

8:00 am

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items
3. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2026
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Workshop - August 12
6. LSLR Collaborative Award
7. Updates
 - a. Lead Reduction Initiative for 3rd Ward (Healthy Homes)
 - b. Lead and Copper Rule Sampling
 - c. YTD Lead Service Line Replacements map
 - d. Lead Service Line Construction Projects
 - e. FY2027 LSLR Outreach budget (Contreras)
8. Public Comment
9. Next Meeting – September 9, 2026
10. Adjournment



Water Advisory Council

March 10, 2026

8:00 am

MINUTES

Members Present

Izamar Contreras (City of GR), Nick Fisher (City of GR), Paul Haan, Wayne Jernberg (Chairperson, City of GR), and Doug La Fave (East GR)

Others Present

Kolene Allen (City of GR) and Hannah Napolillo (Kent County Health Department)

Call to Order

Mr. Jernberg called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2026

Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. La Fave. Seconded by Mr. Fisher.

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Fisher. Seconded by Mr. La Fave.

MOTION CARRIED.

Updates

Award Nominations

Mr. Jernberg reported that the City recently submitted two nominations for recognition awards, both focused on collaboration and community partnership related to the lead service line replacement project. The nominations include the LSLR Collaboration Award, recognizing excellence in lead service line replacement efforts, and ICMA's Local Government Excellence Awards.

The intent of the nominations is to receive national recognition for the City's work on the lead service line replacement project. Mr. Jernberg noted that much of this success is due to the collaboration and dedication of the council and the community members who serve on it.

FY2027 Budget

Mr. Jernberg reported that \$100,000 was submitted in the City's FY2027 budget for water kits within the Water System's operational budget. An additional \$75,000 was submitted for an outside consultant to support the distribution of kits and educational materials. Budgets will be reviewed later in the Spring for potential approval.

EPA Lead and Copper Rule

Mr. Jernberg reported that the Consumer Confidence Report is currently in progress.

The City is considering lowering their internal action level to 7 ppb to prompt lead service line replacements.

Mr. La Fave reported that East Grand Rapids has had no violations and has been replacing lead service lines using a 9 ppb action level. He noted that approximately 429 lead service lines remain to be replaced. The project has been supported through ARPA funding, general fund contributions, rate revenue, and support from the City Commission.

Lead Reduction Initiative for 3rd Ward

Ms. Contreras gave an update on the activities of Healthy Homes since our last meeting:

- 120 Water Kits distributed
- 11 In-home risk assessments performed.

- 10 events
- New partnerships include Kent County Community Action, Fuller Avenue Church, and Baxter Community Marketplace

Healthy Homes reported that they have been receiving calls from residents outside of the Third Ward inquiring about water kits. The City has a surplus of water kits stored and will be making them available to residents in all wards where lead replacements are being done.

Healthy Homes is currently distributing kits on Burton St as well as summer project locations.

State Drinking Water Advisory Council

Mr. Jernberg reported that there was an intent for the council to do a workshop in April to host all state councils in Lansing. The workshop has been postponed due to lack of interest and other work taking up their focus.

EGLE is currently reviewing the Lead and Copper Rule guidance by the end of the year. Mr. Jernberg doesn't anticipate any changes until 2027. That would mean the action level would remain at 12 ppb for the next two years.

YTD Lead Service Line Replacements map

Mr. Jernberg reported that 187 replacements have been completed since January 1.

Lead Service Line Construction Projects

The 2026 construction season is planned. Several projects are currently out for bid and should commence by the summer. The City is likely to fall slightly short of their yearly goal of 1900 replacements.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Member Updates

- Mr. Fisher reported that the carbon feed building upgrade at the Lake Plant has begun. This project will upgrade the carbon process from a powder activated carbon

system (dry) to a slurry system (wet). He explained that carbon is commonly used during warm months due to increased algae growth in Lake Michigan. While this is not unsafe, some customers can smell and taste a mustiness from this increase. Carbon neutralizes this by adsorbing these compounds, neutralizing the unpleasant smell and taste. The upgraded slurry system mixes carbon with water, allowing for better handling, accurate metering via pumps, and reduces dust compared to handling dry powder.

Additionally, the north half of Caledonia Township switched over to the City's water system on March 10 and so far everything is working great. The remaining southside will be switched over at a later date.

- Ms. Contreras reported that two Water Pool-ooza events are planned. Water Pool-ooza at the Lake Plant will be on May 3. Water Pool-ooza at the Water Resource Recovery Facility will be on June 13. Members are encouraged to participate.
- Mr. Haan noted that there may be an opportunity to link data on lead service line replacements in the Third Ward with potential reductions in lead exposure from drinking water. Mr. Jernberg responded that the City continues to have conversations with Dr. Cornwell and is supportive of assisting where possible. He added that there is hope the State will partner with universities to collect data and evaluate what impact, if any, lead service line reductions in the Third Ward may have on lead exposure.

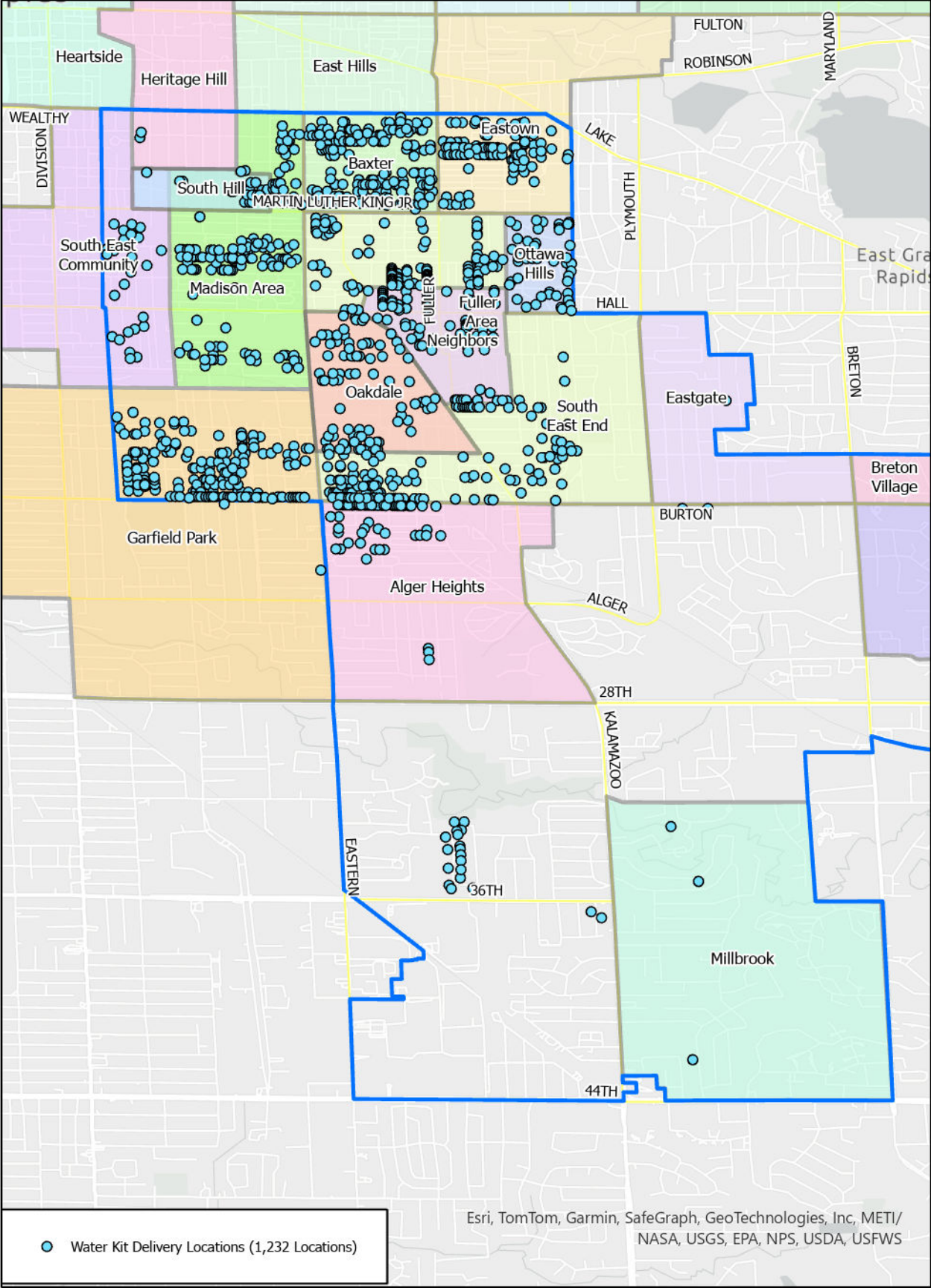
Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Adjournment

Mr. Jernberg adjourned the meeting at 8:45 am.

Lead Reducing Water Kits Distributed in the Third Ward October 2024 - June 2026

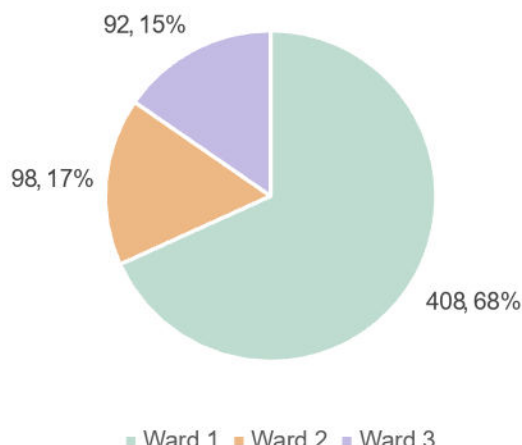


January 1st - June 30th, 2026

Lead Service Line Replacements

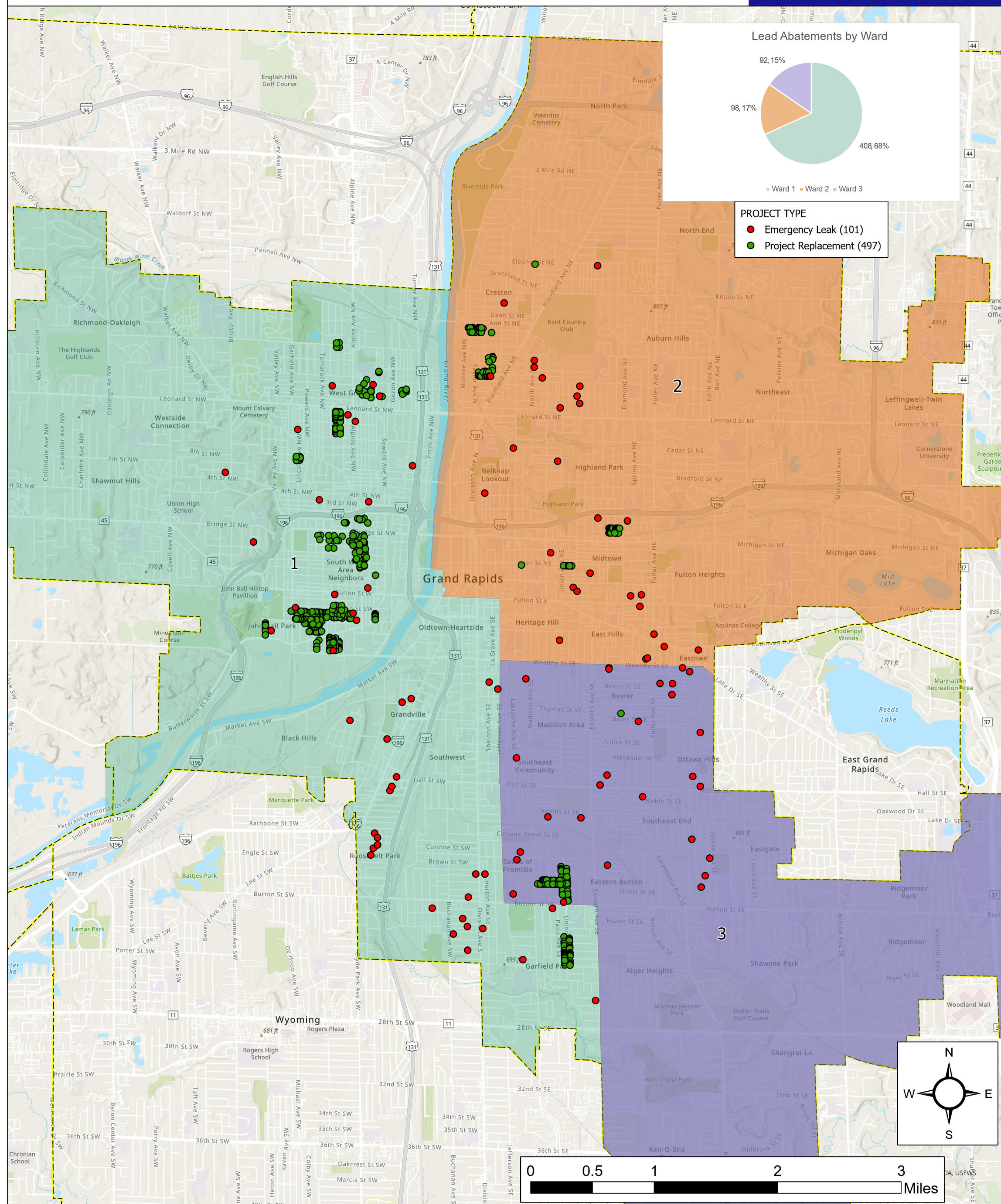


Lead Abatements by Ward



PROJECT TYPE

- Emergency Leak (101)
- Project Replacement (497)



Lead Service Line Replacements

July 01, 2026

Project	Fiscal Year	Private-side LSLRs	Agreements in Hand	Outstanding Agreements	% Agreements in Hand	Contacts per Agreement	Total LSLRs	Neighborhood	Ward	Contractor/Notes
Capital Projects										
2026 Construction Season										
Buchanan (Corrine to Hall)	2026	6	5	1	83%	8.60	8	Southwest, Garfield Park	1	Kamminga & Roodvoets Inc
Burton (Division to Kalamazoo)	2025	107	96	11	90%	2.88	141	Garfield Park, East Burton, Alger Heights, Southeast End	1,3	Kamminga & Roodvoets Inc
Cesar E Chavez (Hall to Tenhaaf)	2025	22	22	0	100%	2.00	25	Grandville	1	Anlaan
Garfield (Butterworth to Fulton)	2025	12	12	0	100%	1.32	22	John Ball Park	1	Kamminga & Roodvoets Inc
Jefferson (MLK to Logan)	2026	4	4	0	100%	3.25	4	Southeast End	1,2	
Oakwood (Knapp to 3 Mile)	2026	41	34	7	83%	2.44	89	Creston	2	C&D Hughes
Valley (Bridge to 4 th)	2025	18	15	3	83%	1.61	21	Shawmut Hills, John Ball Park	1	Anlaan
TOTAL		210	188	22	90%		310			
DWRF Resurfacing Projects										
Resurfacing Public CY2025-1	2025	387	324	63	84%	2.05	422	Various	1,2,3	SPS Pro
Resurfacing Public CY2025-2	2025	341	272	69	80%	1.81	380	Various	1,2,3	Miller Pipeline
Resurfacing Public CY2026-1	2025	223	135	88	74%	0.52	269	Various	1,2,3	Groundhawg Excavating
Resurfacing Public CY2026-2	2025	219	134	85	61%	0.43	277	Various	1,2,3	Groundhawg Excavating
TOTAL		1170	865	305	74%		1348			
Private-Only Projects										
LSLR CY2025-3 Private-Only	2025	144	137	6	96%	1.46	144	John Ball Park	1	Brik Plumbing
LSLR CY2025-4 Private-Only	2025	130	117	13	90%	1.62	130	John Ball Park	1	Groundhawg
TOTAL		274	254	19	93%		274			