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NEORSD to hold public meeting on Veterans Memorial Park basin project in Parma

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The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) plans to eliminate flooding by creating the Veterans Memorial Park basin in Parma. (John Benson/cleveland.com)

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PARMA, Ohio -- As part of its ongoing effort focused on increasing stormwater capacity to decrease flooded basements, back yards and streets in Parma, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) is preparing for the proposed Veterans Memorial Park basin project.

“This project will help alleviate historic flooding in the West Creek watershed and will directly benefit Parma residents suffering from basement and street flooding in the area,” said NEORS Watershed Team Leader Nicole Velez.

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While the cost of transforming the Veterans Memorial Park pond into a retention basin featuring green infrastructure hasn’t been announced, the City of Parma and the sewer district are asking residents to attend an upcoming public meeting scheduled for Nov. 10 at the Watershed Stewardship Center.

NEORS officials will be present from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. to discuss the project’s design, construction and timeline.



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“We’re in the very early stages of this project, and we want everyone to come to our project open house to ask questions, share your ideas and help us envision the park’s future,” Velez said.

The upcoming information-gathering sessions will yield several alternatives, with construction expected to begin in the fall of 2024.



The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) is currently completing the \$3.3 million Upper Ridgewood basin project in Parma. (John Benson/cleveland.com)

Unlike the Upper Ridgewood basin project, which was met with resistance among residents living around Ridgewood Lake, Mayor Tim DeGeeter expects the community to approve of the Veterans Memorial Park project.

“I greatly appreciate the outreach of the sewer district to our residents for the Veterans Park basin,” DeGeeter said. “I look forward to the completion of the design and engineering work.

“I encourage surrounding residents, park users and the general public to attend to learn more and provide input.

“Like the Ridgewood basin, the goal is to increase stormwater capacity to avoid lakes in residents’ homes. The new basin, when completed after input, will enhance and complement our park.”

NEORS reported that ongoing work on the Upper Ridgewood basin includes a temporary cofferdam currently being constructed as part of the dewatering preparation.

The lake will be lowered over the next three weeks and dredging will begin toward the end of November. This project should reach “substantial completion” next summer.

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