

## **MDC TO OPEN OUTREACH OFFICE TO SUPPORT NORTH HARTFORD SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

*Community Outreach Office scheduled to open in February*

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**(HARTFORD, CT)** – The Metropolitan District (MDC) announced today that the organization has recently secured a location for a dedicated Community Outreach office at 179 Barbour Street in Hartford. The office will serve as a central hub for engaging with the local community and ensuring open lines of communication throughout the duration of the North Hartford Sewer Improvement Projects construction.

Recognizing the importance of this location to the community, the office will serve as a space for addressing concerns, providing project updates, and actively seeking feedback from residents and stakeholders as well as provide workforce development opportunities for the community. An official opening and ribbon cutting are planned for February with an open house to follow in the spring.

MDC's North Hartford Sewer Improvement Projects, a significant undertaking, began in July 2023. The work includes multiple sewer separation, rehabilitation and lining work to upgrade local infrastructure in North Hartford. Establishing a dedicated office will support current and future work and will further streamline communication channels and ensure that stakeholders are well-informed about the project's progress, potential disruptions, and any necessary information.

MDC has two active sewer separation projects that have already seen significant progress; one on Durham Street (24 properties) and the other on Woodstock and Branford Streets (72 properties) with another to begin this year on Westland Street (126 properties). In addition, a Sewer Rehabilitation and lining project in the Tower Avenue area is ongoing with similar projects slated to begin this year in the Granby/Blue Hills, North Meadows and Gully Brook areas. These projects are achieving a 30% Hartford resident workforce goal, imposed by the MDC.

"We understand that construction projects can sometimes cause inconvenience and disruption to the local community," said Scott Jellison, MDC CEO. "Our experience with having local outreach offices for previous construction projects was successful, and we want to ensure that residents have a place to actively engage with us throughout the duration of project. A visible presence in our construction area neighborhood helps demonstrate MDC's commitment to rebuilding North Hartford. I want to recognize community leader Mr. Steve Harris and our Hartford MDC Commissioners for helping make this happen."

Office hours and contact information for the new office will be made available in the coming weeks.

***About MDC:** The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor*