

MDC ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF DURHAM STREET SEWER PROJECT

First North Hartford sewer project completed ahead of schedule

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(HARTFORD, CT) – The Metropolitan District (MDC) announced today that it recently completed the Durham Street Sewer Separation Project, the first of the North Hartford Sewer Improvement Projects, part of the \$170 million Integrated Plan, a consent order with the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP). The Integrated Plan is the current phase of the MDC’s Clean Water Project, a multibillion-dollar effort to reduce combined sewer overflows and improve the overall efficiency of the sewer system.

The Durham Street project, located in the Granby / Blue Hills area of North Hartford, broke ground in July of 2023 and included \$1.9 million in sewer infrastructure improvements. In addition, private property protection for basements, lining of sewer house connection laterals as well as a new water main were part of the project. The project was completed a year and a half ahead of schedule.

Project outreach by MDC staff and contractors was key to keeping residents informed throughout the construction process for both public right of way and private property improvements. Thirty-eight percent of the work hours on the project were performed by Hartford residents, exceeding the self-imposed goal of thirty percent set by the MDC. Two other sewer separation projects as well as three large scale sewer rehabilitation projects are currently underway in North Hartford with more planned for 2025.

“Projects like Durham Street, combined with sewer rehabilitation projects and other private property work will continue to make substantial improvements to the infrastructure for our customers in North Hartford. While I am pleased to have completed this first project, it is important to keep the momentum and progress moving,” said MDC CEO Scott Jellison.

MDC Chairman Donald Currey stated, “Maintaining partnerships with our customers, neighborhood groups, and state and local officials has helped the MDC demonstrate that we can get substantial projects completed that meet our regulatory requirements, while providing a community benefit at the same time.”

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