## MDC ANNOUNCES \$10 MILLION OF NORTH HARTFORD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED

Sewer Separation and Rehabilitation Projects recently completed

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(HARTFORD, CT) – The Metropolitan District (MDC) announced substantial completion of the Woodstock and Branford Street Sewer Separation project and the Tower Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project, both 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 Woodstock and Branford Street sewer separation project, located in the Granby / Blue Hills area of North Hartford, broke ground in 2023 with 72 total properties, included \$1.7 million in sewer infrastructure improvements. In addition, over \$700,000 in private property upgrades for basements and lining of sewer house connection laterals were completed along with \$1.4 million in water main improvements. Final paving and restoration are scheduled for this spring.

The Tower Avenue Area Sewer Rehabilitation project, located in the northeast section of Hartford encompassed 359 properties at a cost of \$6.9 million. The project scope included sewer improvements such as lining and rehabilitation of 1.8 miles of sewer main, point repairs and 300 private property sewer house connections.

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. 43 percent of the work hours on the Woodstock and Branford project and 39 percent on the Tower Avenue project were performed by Hartford residents, exceeding the self-imposed goal of 30 percent set by the MDC. One major sewer separation project had previously been completed with one still active and three sewer rehabilitation projects currently underway in North Hartford.

"While I am excited that two more projects are completed, I want to be clear that we are steadfast in our commitment to the roadway and private property restoration, making sure that when the work is done, we leave the areas in better condition," said MDC CEO Scott Jellison.

MDC Chairman Donald Currey stated, "MDC continues to set new standards by not only going beyond simply meeting regulatory obligations, but doing so in partnership with our customers, state and local officials and with a significant effort to have our communities as part of the workforce for these projects."

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