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A NEWSLETTER ABOUT THE BRIAR CREEK PROJECT

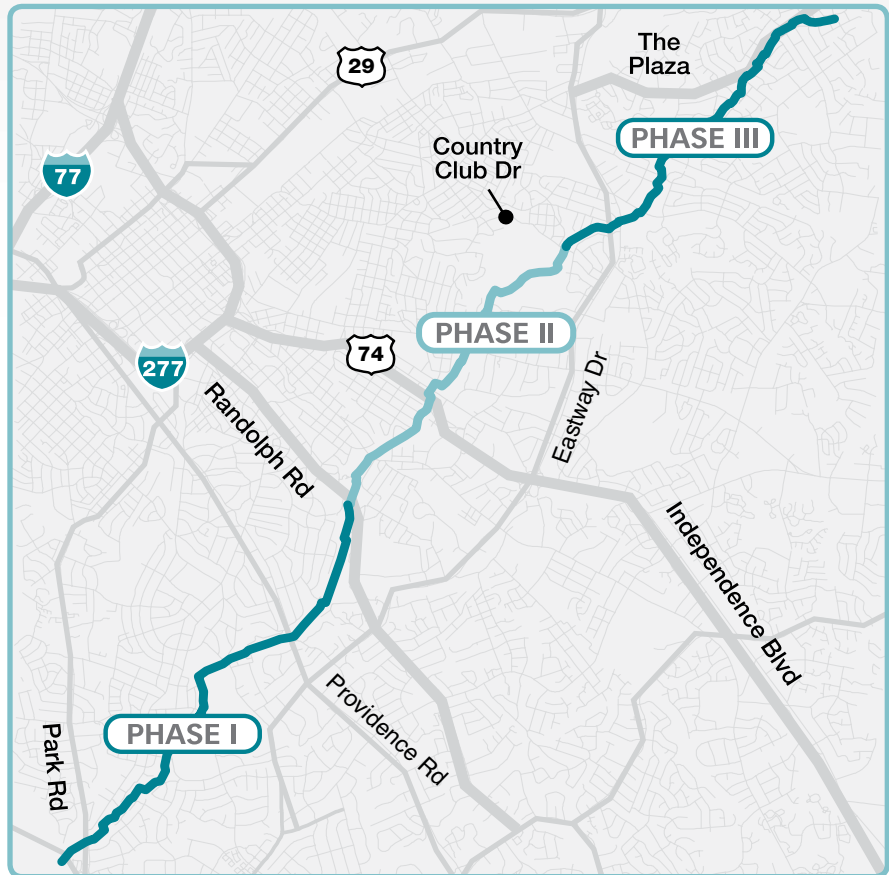
Phase I of the Briar Creek Sewer Improvement Project Is In Service

Construction and testing are now complete and Phase I is fully activated. "We'd like to thank the residents and businesses along the route for their patience and cooperation throughout this phase of the project," said Chuck Bliss, project manager for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities.

This project will enhance system performance, provide increased sewer capacity for present and future needs and protect the water quality in Briar Creek.

Phase I route runs from the Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant on Tyvola Road to Randolph Road. Construction for Phase II, which runs from Randolph Road to Country Club Drive, will begin 2011. Phase III, between Country Club Drive and Harris Boulevard, does not have a schedule yet.

Utilities workers may revisit specific areas along the Phase I construction area for inspection in the coming months, but all construction activity is complete. Restoration activities will continue in the areas needing additional attention.



Phase I Facts:

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| Length of pipe laid | 22,050 feet |
| Length of tunnel underneath Myers Park High School..... | 1,980 feet |
| Cost of project..... | approximately \$42.6 million |
| Length of time for completion (once construction started)..... | 36 months |

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why is the Briar Creek sewer system improvement project necessary?

A. The project is driven by the need to increase sanitary sewer capacity to meet current and future needs. It also reduces the risk of sewer overflows during wet weather, protecting the water quality in Briar Creek.

Q. How is the Briar Creek Sewer Improvement Project paid?

A. Funds for this project and all Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities capital improvement projects are funded with water and sewer user fees paid by current customers, not tax dollars. Phase I of this project cost \$42 million.

Reduce Your Plumbing Costs and Protect the Environment!

After cooking, never pour grease down any drain!

Freeze cooking grease and oils in a coffee can, or mix liquid vegetable fats with kitty litter or coffee grounds in a lidded container. Deposit it in the trash, or at a full-service recycling center.



Lila Wood Circle just after pipe laid and manholes installed



Lila Wood Circle now after all permanent restoration



Eastover Park creek crossing during project construction



Eastover Park now after permanent restoration

For the latest information about the Briar Creek Project, visit the web site at www.cmutilities.com and click on "Construction Projects." You can also dial 311 for more information.



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