

**Fun Fact**

Several boulders excavated from the Briar Creek Sewer Improvement Project site in the Chantilly neighborhood were used in building the Robert Haywood Morrison Gardens (see adjacent images), the last piece of Urban Little Sugar Creek Greenway. The gardens are located adjacent to Carolinas HealthCare System's Levine Cancer Institute at the intersection of Harding Place and Morehead Street. Mecklenburg County Horticulture Team planted the garden, which will be dedicated in May of this year. It was generously funded by a donation from the Carolinas HealthCare Foundation.



**Up-To-Date Information**

The Briar Creek Sewer Improvement Project team is committed to keeping you informed. For the latest information, please visit [www.cmutilities.com](http://www.cmutilities.com) and click on "construction projects." If you have a question, please call Amanda K. DeWeese at 704-374-9300 or Cam Coley at 704-391-5106. If you would like to receive email updates about the project, please email your name and property address to [adeweese@carolinapr.com](mailto:adeweese@carolinapr.com). Please put "Briar Creek Email List" in the subject line.



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# THE PIPELINE

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A NEWSLETTER ABOUT THE BRIAR CREEK PROJECT

## Phase II Pipe Installation Nearly Complete

Construction is nearing completion after 22 months of work and 83 percent of the sewer pipe along Briar Creek is installed. The unfinished sections total approximately 2,820 feet (see inside for details).

Once the remaining pipe is installed, crews will begin activation of the new sewer and abandonment of the old sewer line. Construction areas will also be permanently restored during this time, which includes final grading of the soil, applying grass seed, restoring creek banks and installing any fencing that was removed for construction work. Activation is expected to take two to three months.

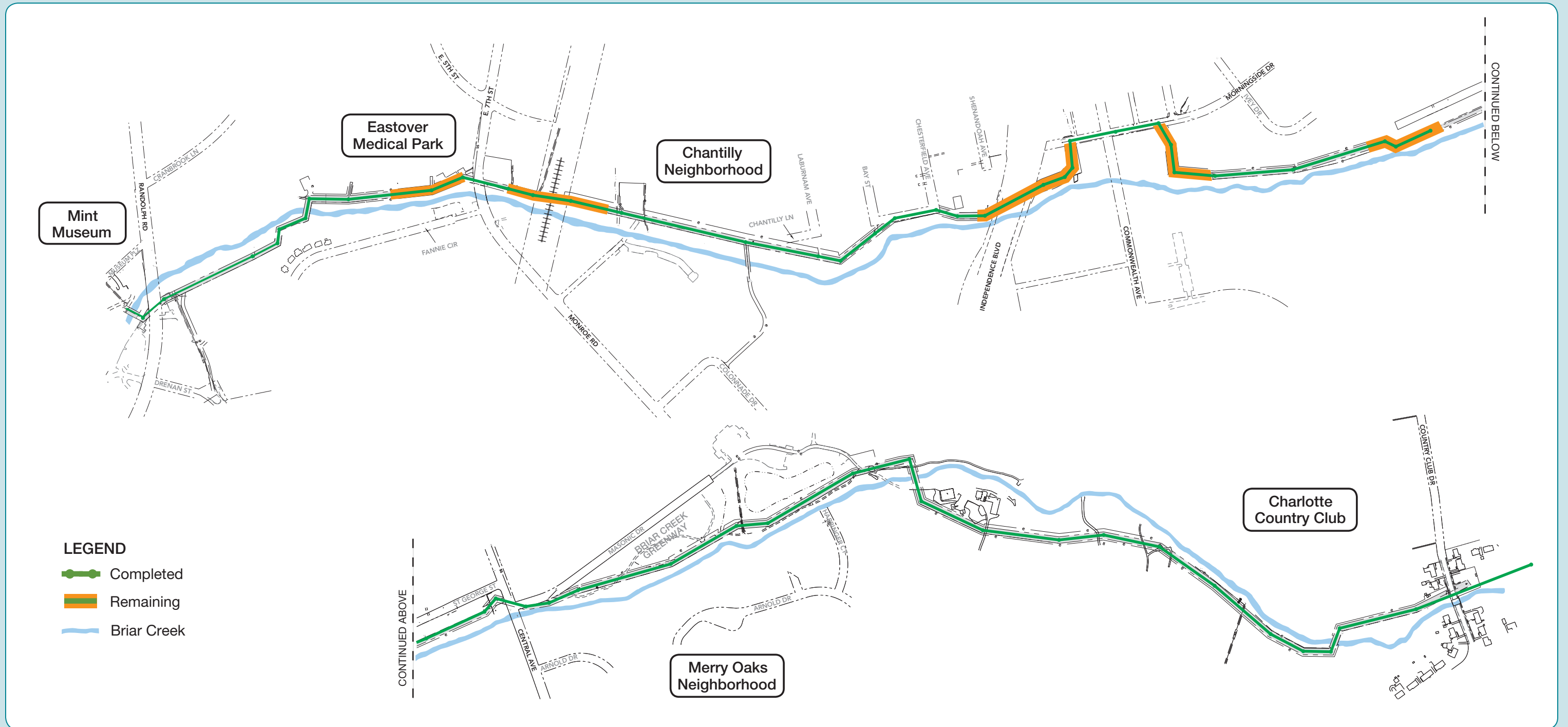
When activated, the new sewer line will provide needed capacity, reduce the risk of sewer overflows, protect the water quality in Briar Creek and meet demands for growth.



Tunneling crew installing a 10-foot-diameter manhole on Morningside Drive near the intersection at Commonwealth Avenue.

**Schedule for Remaining Pipe Installation**

- **Pipe Installation on Eastover Medical Park property between Randolph Road to E. 7th Street:** Crews started pipe installation on the Eastover Medical Park property in December and expect the work to continue until early spring. During construction, partial closure of the medical park parking lot is necessary. Detours are in place to safely direct medical park employees and visitors.
- **CSX Railroad Tunnel:** Crews continue to work on a tunnel under the CSX railroad near 7th Street/Monroe Road, next to the Charlotte Fire Fighters Association and The Palmer Building and expect to be done in the summer.
- **Independence Boulevard Tunnel:** Crews completed the entrance shaft and are now tunneling underneath the highway. Tunnel work is expected to take another month.
- **Morningside Drive:** Crews will resume pipe installation along Morningside Drive between Commonwealth Avenue and McClintock Road in the spring. During construction, access will be limited on that portion of Morningside Drive, but the appropriate detours will be in place.
- **Ivey Drive:** Following the Morningside Drive work, crews will continue installation of a manhole and diversion structure approximately 300 feet east of Morningside Drive behind Ivey Drive, along Briar Creek.
- **St. George Street:** Crews will return in the summer to complete one remaining 300-foot section at the end of St. George Street at Central Avenue.



## A Closer Look at the Briar Creek Sewer Improvement Project Progress

This map shows Phase II of the new sewer line and identifies the remaining areas of active or upcoming construction. To date, 13,655 feet of 16,475 feet of pipe has been installed. Here's a breakdown of the unfinished sections, totaling approximately 2,820 feet:

- 450 feet at Eastover Medical Park
- 524 feet on the other side of E. 7th Street (under CSX railroad)
- 809 feet in a tunnel under Independence Boulevard extending to the Morningside Drive tunnel
- 595 feet along Morningside Drive
- 442 feet behind Ivey Drive to St. George Street

### Plans for Putting the Line into Service

After pipe installation is complete, crews will begin putting the entire line into service (16,475 feet of pipe). Residents and businesses along the route will see crews back on site to connect the new pipe to the existing system. Activities include:

- Use of small construction equipment
- Grading near manholes
- Completion of final restoration

