

# COMMON CONSTRUCTION TERMS GLOSSARY

**Construction can be a foreign and complicated industry, with hundreds of terms and jargon that are difficult to understand. With most terms found on the City's construction website, [www.improvingdenton.com](http://www.improvingdenton.com), this glossary of common construction terms can be helpful to understanding the basic terms used in City construction projects.**

Term	Definition
Improving Denton	The City's online portal that provides detailed information about the City bond programs, major City projects, routine maintenance projects, facility projects, and more.
Construction Projects Map	The City's interactive GIS (Geographic Information Systems) map that displays select routine maintenance and major City projects that are actively in construction.
Sewer Main	A primary conveyance pipeline in a wastewater system.
Water Main	A major line in a water supply system.
Capital Improvement Project	Any major City-funded improvements to facilities and/or infrastructure. These individual projects are a part of the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
Expected Timeline	This is the anticipated project schedule from conception through completion.
Project Initiation	The project initiation phase is the conceptualization of the project, which describes the basic processes that must be performed in order to get the project authorized to start.
Project Scope	The overall definition of what the project should achieve and a specific description of the project's intended result.
Substantial Completion	Work on the project has reached a point where the planned improvements are usable by the intended users with only minor items not on the critical path remaining to be completed.
Change Order	Work that is added to or deleted from the original scope of a project.
Funding Source	The source being used to fund the project budget.
Coring	The process of extracting samples from roadway segments to better understand the condition of pavement as well as the subgrade underneath the pavement. This process is used to determine what type of roadway repair is most appropriate.
Project Closeout	Formal completion of a project, including making all final payments, reviewing final documentation, performing final inspections, closing contracts, and converting the finalized project into an official City asset.

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