

January 5, 2026

RE: Ludlow St Swale Improvements Project – Construction Notice

Dear Property Owner/Neighbor:

The Portland Department of Public Works (DPW) would like to notify you of the anticipated start of construction for the proposed drainage improvements behind 349-385 Ludlow Street on the Evergreen Cemetery property. The project was awarded to Gorham Sand & Gravel and they plan on completing the work this winter/spring. The contractor's tree cutter is expected to begin tree removal for the work around mid-January and the contractor is expected to mobilize to the site shortly thereafter.

Project updates will be provided on the project website linked below:

<https://portland.civilspace.io/en/projects/2025-2028-neighborhood-drainage-and-sewer-system-repair-contract>

Project Goals:

- To resolve issues with flooding and high groundwater on Ludlow Street properties caused by stormwater runoff from the Evergreen Cemetery property.
- To remove pollutants and provide water quality benefit to the stormwater being conveyed from the Evergreen Cemetery into the drainage infrastructure on Ludlow St and discharging into Capisic Brook.

To achieve these goals this project will include:

- The installation of approximately 400 LF of riprap swale to re-establish the existing ditch line on City property running behind 381, 373, 367, 361, and 355 Ludlow St.
- The installation of approximately 320 LF of perforated underdrain pipe beneath the proposed riprap swale. The geotextile fabric and crushed stone encasing the underdrain will provide water quality benefit to any stormwater runoff infiltrating the swale.
- The modification of the existing catch basin on City property behind 381/373 Ludlow St to convey surface runoff and flows from the proposed underdrain into the existing 24" storm drain running between 381/373 Ludlow St out to the storm drain in Ludlow St.
- The installation of two new catch basins on City property behind 367/361 and 355/349 Ludlow St to convey surface runoff into the proposed underdrain pipes.
- The abandonment of the failing 12" storm drain between 355 and 349 Ludlow St.
- Regrading approximately 40 square feet of the Eastern corner of the 355 Ludlow St property and approximately 10 square feet of the Northern corner of the 349 Ludlow St property to promote positive drainage into the proposed swale and catch basin.

The attached design drawing and access route plan will assist in defining the project scope and boundaries. The contractor will be accessing the work zone on the Evergreen Cemetery property via the cemetery entrance on Brentwood St. Equipment and materials will be driven through the cemetery and

along the proposed access route. As noted on the attached design drawing, a small portion of excavation and driveway repair will be required in the Ludlow St right of way to abandon an existing storm drain.

Project work will typically run from Monday to Friday between 7:00am and 4:30pm. If for unforeseen circumstances the contractor needs to interrupt driveway access or come onto private property, sufficient notice will be given prior to the disruption. The contractor will be using heavy equipment during the project. We ask you to use caution when traversing the work zone and be aware of equipment and personnel for the safety of all.

During a portion of the project, a section of the street may be posted "No Parking" as necessary. This is done to protect your vehicles and to make moving around the site easier and safer for the contractor. We restrict parking only when absolutely necessary, so please make sure you read the signs. Vehicles will be towed if in violation. The contractor will be stockpiling necessary materials for the project on the Evergreen Cemetery property.

A City Engineer will be available on a daily basis to help assist with any issues which may come up during construction.

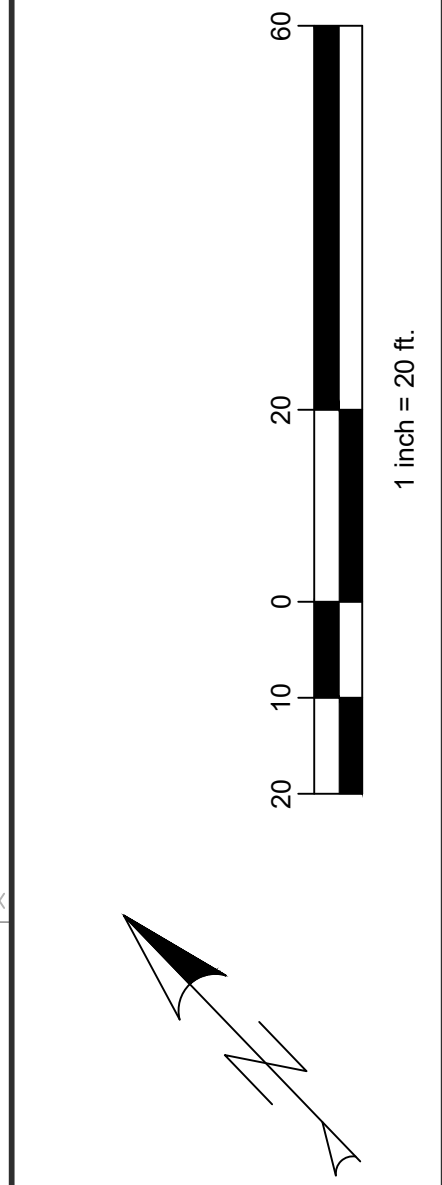
Please reach out via email or phone if you would like to discuss the project.

Sincerely,



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1. ANY TREE LINE CLEARING REQUIRED TO INSTALL THE RIPRAP DRAINAGE SWALE SHALL BE INCIDENTAL TO WORK. ANY TREES GREATER THAN 12" DBH THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE REMOVED SHALL BE PAID UNDER BID ITEM 201.24. REMOVAL OF TREES OUTSIDE THE PROPOSED AREA OF REGRADING SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE. ALL CLEARING WORK AND TREE REMOVAL SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH THE CITY ARBORIST.
2. SEE DETAILS FOR 2' DIAMETER CATCH BASIN WITH BEEHIVE GRATE AND HOT BITUMINOUS DRIVEWAY APRON.
3. ANY REGRADING REQUIRED TO INSTALL THE RIPRAP DRAINAGE SWALE SHALL BE INCIDENTAL TO THE RIPRAP, UNDERDRAIN, AND LOAM, SEED AND MULCH BID ITEMS.

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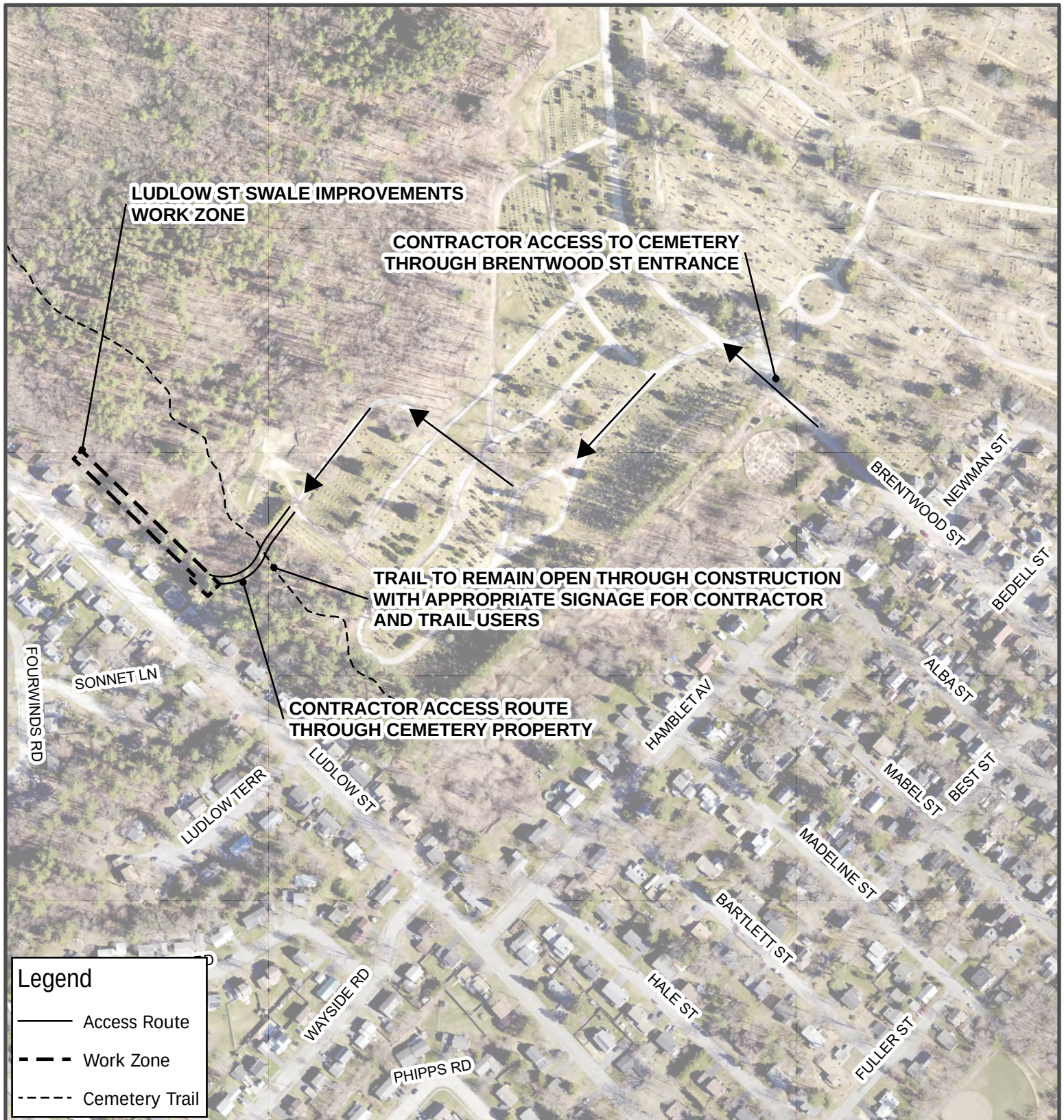


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