

Allegan Downtown Streetscape Project

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Current Progress

Testing of the new water main for proper pressure, disinfection and bacteria has been completed, allowing Milbocker to begin installation of new water services to residents along Brady St. This new water system downtown will also help ensure that the City of Allegan follows Michigan's Lead & Copper Rule, keeping citizens safer from potential lead line contamination within the city limits.

Alongside this work, storm sewer installation continued with the laying of crossing pipes. These crossing pipes collect the stormwater runoff from both sides of the street as these flows travel southeast along Brady St toward the new outfall near the second street bridge. This outfall flows out of the system onto rip rap, a type of large stone (16" in diameter), and then into the Kalamazoo River. This rip rap protects the soil along the banks from erosion by dissipating the energy of the flowing water leaving the system. This helps keep as much additional sediment out of the Kalamazoo River as possible and protects the banks of the river.



Fig 1: Milbocker installing new water services on Brady St.

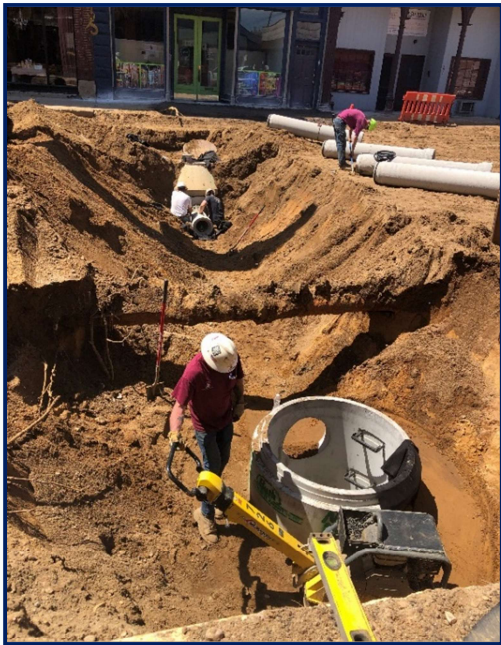


Fig 2: Storm Crossing Installation across Brady St

Upcoming Work

With the acceleration of the project schedule to undertake all work in a single phase this year, and storm sewer and water main installation nearing completion on Brady St, Milbocker will soon be working on more roadway removals along the west end of Hubbard St. and laying sanitary sewer along the east end of Hubbard St. As this work progresses, Brady St. will have its roadbed built up as Milbocker prepares to place curb and gutter, new sidewalk, and other surface elements.

Throughout the project, the contractor plans to leave sidewalks in place as long as possible to maintain access to residences and businesses. When a section of existing sidewalk needs to be removed, the affected property will be coordinated ahead of time, and a temporary walkway will be maintained.