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## **Fairview Park planning North Park Drive and Clifford Drive infrastructure projects**

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FAIRVIEW PARK, Ohio - The construction season may be winding down, but Fairview Park officials are already looking ahead to future infrastructure projects. The first of which scheduled for next spring is the North Park Drive water line replacement.

"It's an older water line that's been inspected and determined it's time to replace," Fairview Park Director of Public Service and Development Shawn Leininger said. "The city worked with Cleveland Water inspecting the lines and maintaining an inventory of condition ratings.

"The program helps fund those water lines that are in the worst condition to be either replaced or rehabilitated throughout all of the Cleveland Water's network."

At a cost of nearly \$465,000, all of which will be covered by Cleveland Water, the 1,600-foot section of North Park Drive between Westpark Drive heading east back to West 210th Street is expected to be completed by the early summer.

Fairview Park Mayor Eileen Ann Patton said the North Park Drive project provides a great improvement to the water lines of homeowners at no cost to them.

Another major upgrade looming for the city is on Clifford Drive, between West 212th Street and West 220th Street, as well as between West 227th Street and West 229th Street, where the removal and replacement of storm and sanitary sewer infrastructure is scheduled.

"That area has been identified as a priority project, the sewers are 90 years old," Patton said. "A study the city had performed determined that the sanitary sewer on Clifford is undersized, is surcharged during storm events and contributes to the flooding of homes in this area."

Leininger estimated the cost is \$4 million with the city expected to pay 10 percent. The remaining 90 percent of the project will be funded through an Ohio Public Works Commission grant and loan.

Once the city enters into an agreement with the state in the next 60 to 90 days, Leininger said engineering will commence with construction expected to begin in 2018 and completed in 2019.

"While there will be restrictions on parking and through traffic, the road will still be open to local residents," Leininger said. "Once it's completed, we hope to repave the road."