The Ohio Creek Project
Neighborhood Project Update

We hope your 2021 is off to a great start. The Ohio Creek Watershed Project is certainly moving along. The new playground equipment for pre-K – 2nd grade at Chesterfield Academy is installed. The Ballentine Blvd stormwater improvements are done too. So far, almost half of the living shoreline, berm areas, stormwater pump stations and tidal gates are done. As we continue to work, more road closures will happen in the next few months. This month, Norchester Avenue closed to through traffic and flaggers will help you through the intersections. Work continues to update stormwater pipes in the neighborhood and build wetlands.
Berm Construction Updates
Check out this bird’s-eye view of the berm! These pictures were taken in early January. What a difference from when the project started. We will keep you updated as progress continues.

Upcoming Civic League Meeting
Chesterfield Heights Civic League Meeting will be held on Monday, January 25 from 6-7pm. Office of Resilience staff and the construction management team will provide an update on the Ohio Creek Watershed Project and answer questions. This meeting will take place virtually and be held via WebEx. Please find log in information below:

JOIN BY VIDEO STREAM
Dial 1806237451@convoice.webex.com
You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

JOIN BY PHONE
+1-415-655-0002 US Toll
Access code: 180 623 7451

How to Join the Meetings
To join the virtual meetings, please download WebEx in advance at: https://www.webex.com/downloads.html. This is a free application and can be downloaded to a device (laptop, tablet, mobile phone) that has a microphone and camera. If unable to download, participants can join the meetings via phone at the phone numbers and access codes provided above. For technical assistance and guidance, please contact ZaMari Love, Neighborhood Development Specialist at 757- 390- 7448 or ZaMari.Love@norfolk.gov.
Retain Your Rain Tree Giveaway

Help us Retain Your Rain with a free tree for your property. We have small, flowering, native trees such as Redbud, Dogwood, and Sweetbay Magnolia. If you are interested in receiving a tree and learn how to plant and care for it email NorfolkRC@norfolk.gov or call (757) 441-2602 and we will help you. Due to the recommended planting time frame, we ask that you please let us know if you are interested by Wednesday February 10th.

This is the first of our Retain Your Rain opportunities. Please stay tuned as we work through the logistics for future opportunities.

Ohio Creek Watershed Project Fun Facts

• Did you know there are eight City departments working on the Ohio Creek Watershed Project? This includes the Office of Resilience, Public Works, Transit, Utilities, Neighborhood Development, Communications, Norfolk Redevelopment Housing Authority, and Planning.

• Did you know the average house in Chesterfield Heights generates about 900 gallons of water runoff from a 1-inch rainstorm? That is equivalent to 18 bathtubs of water! Learn more about how to reduce these impacts today at https://www.norfolk.gov/3700/Retain-Your-Rain

• Did you know about 2,000 trees are being planted in Chesterfield Heights and Grandy Village? One mature tree can absorb thousands of gallons of water per year. This means less flooding, reduced stress on storm drainage pipes, and decreased runoff into the city’s creeks. Trees also beautify the area, provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, absorb heat, provide shade, produce oxygen, and can reduce heating and cooling costs of your home depending on where it is planted.

• Did you know that the current tree canopy only covers 15 to 20% of the Chesterfield Heights and Grandy Village neighborhoods? This leaves lots of opportunity for more trees!

Receive Up to Date Project Information Via Email

To receive up to date information regarding the Ohio Creek Project, please join our email list. To be added to the email list, please email ohiocreek@norfolk.gov.

Safety First

As construction continues, please remember to stay clear of construction sites. Avoid all construction equipment, especially barriers. Follow posted construction signage and traffic detours. If you see children straying into construction zones or any unsafe situation, please let a construction crewmember know or call the Project Manager at 757-664-6510 or the Construction Hotline (Monday – Friday after normal work hours) 757-664-7220.