The Ohio Creek Project
Neighborhood Project Update

With the start of 2022, the Ohio Creek Watershed Project continues to advance. There are additional road closures that will begin in early 2022 to support the ongoing construction. Portions of Kimball Terrace will be closed starting January/February. Kimball Loop is open to traffic and there is a temporary road and parking lot available to access the Grandy Village Learning Center. Norchester Avenue will have ongoing work and will be closing block by block to traffic through the summer. For all closures and work area designations, please refer to the first map below for guidance. A new pedestrian path has been established through Grandy Village Park; please refer to the second map below for guidance. We appreciate your continued patience as work to improve the stormwater system and protect against future flooding.
Ohio Creek Project:
Tree Giveaway Event Highlights

On Saturday, December 4, the Office of Resilience hosted a tree giveaway at Chesterfield Academy in partnership with Friends of Norfolk’s Environment. More than 50 trees and shrubs were provided. Planting trees and shrubs is a great way to utilize rainwater which can alleviate some of the flooding heavy rains cause. Giveaway cosponsors included Keep Norfolk Beautiful, Bay Star Homes, Norfolk’s Division of Stormwater and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. For more Retain Your Rain opportunities, please reach out to the Office of Resilience at NorfolkRC@norfolk.gov.

Upcoming Civic League Meeting

The Chesterfield Heights Ohio Creek Project Update Meeting will be held on Monday, February 28, and Monday, March 28, from 6-7pm. These meetings will take place virtually and held via WebEx. Please find the access information below:

JOIN BY VIDEO STREAM
Dial 1607219901@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: 160 706 4120

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 on the left. For technical assistance and guidance, please contact ZaMari Love, Neighborhood Development Specialist, at (757) 390-7448 or ZaMari.Love@norfolk.gov.
Berm Grasses

The top of the berm and side of the berm facing the neighborhood is seeded with a turf quality Bermuda grass that will be fine textured and medium dark green color when it is actively growing during the warm months of the year. It will go dormant during the cooler seasons. Currently, the Bermuda has germinated but generally takes a few growing seasons to begin to flourish. As the weather warms next spring, we will fertilize to ensure the grasses are growing well. In the meantime, annual rye grass has been planted and will provide a green grass over the cooler, winter months. By the end of next summer, full growth of the Bermuda will be established. These grasses can be cut and maintained like a lawn.

The side of the berm facing the Elizabeth River is planted with a mixture of “warm” season grasses that meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. These grasses include Switchgrass, Virginia Wildrye, Little Bluestem, Indiangrass, Purpletop, Big Bluestem, Early Goldenrod, and Blackeyed Susan. The various species in this mixture have started to grow and will continue to emerge during the next warm growth season. Some of these grasses will flower. This is a mixture of “wild” grasses that is intended to grow without cutting to ensure CBPA Requirements and the storm protection provided by the berm is maintained. When actively growing, the height of these grasses will be roughly two feet.

The bioretention areas between the sidewalks and roadways throughout the neighborhood will be planted with a mixture of Virginia Wildrye, Little Bluestem, Sideoat Grama, Purple Lovegrass, Slender Woodoats, Creeping Bentgrass, and Annual Ryegrass.

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Safety First

As construction continues, 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) at (757) 664-7220.