The Ohio Creek Project
Neighborhood Project Update

As the project continues into the spring of 2022, there are additional road closures to support the ongoing construction. Portions of Kimball Terrace are closed through Summer 2022; please refer to the map below. Kimball Loop is now open to traffic 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 map below for guidance. We appreciate your continued patience as work to improve the stormwater system and protect against future flooding.

Ohio Creek Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic Routes
Kyle Spencer: Acting Chief Resilience Officer

As of January 2022, Kyle Spencer assumed the role of Acting Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Norfolk. Prior this role, Kyle served as the City’s Deputy Resilience Officer. Doug Beaver transitioned to a new role as the Director of Utilities. Kyle will continue to lead the Ohio Creek Watershed Project and can be reached at ohiocreek@norfolk.gov.

How Can We Work Together to Stop Vandalism?

The City and NHRA encourages all residents to prioritize project success by discouraging and reporting any acts of vandalism. As the City continues to advance the project, to ensure completion on time, it is essential that acts of vandalism (as depicted above in recent events) cease.

Please report any suspicious activity to the Norfolk Police Department at (757) 664-7000. We greatly appreciate your willingness to work with the City and NHRA on this effort!
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.

Artwork Commission for the Ohio Creek Neighborhoods

The City of Norfolk received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town program to hire an artist to design and create artwork that will celebrate the Elizabeth River, the community, and the Ohio Creek flood-resiliency project. The City and Art Selection Committee are seeking an artist to design public art that will reflect and tell the stories and the values of the people who live in project area, a piece that will unify, and will help the community understand how to live as a collective in this historic shoreline community. The request for proposals is anticipated to be posted on the City’s website (http://www.norfolk.gov/purchasing) in April with submissions due in May, the selected artist announced in June 2022 and the completion of the artwork by June 2023. For more information, contact Karen Rudd, Manager Norfolk Arts at karen.rudd@norfolk.gov.

Retain Your Rain

Did you know that you can play an important role in reducing flooding? During heavy rain events, storm drains get backed up and cause flooding in our roads. When you capture and utilize rainwater that hits your property you are keeping it from going directly into storm drains, which in turn alleviates some of this flooding.

Rain barrels are a popular way to collect the rainwater that hits your property. All that water can then be used to water your garden, wash your car, and save you money on your water bill. Look for rain barrels at your local hardware stores, garden centers, online, and through programs offered by community partners like the Elizabeth River Project and Bay Star Homes. Scan the QR code to check out a video for tips on how to install your rain barrel!

In addition to installing rain barrels, other great ways to collect and use more rain water on your property is to plant trees and incorporate conservation landscaping. Conservation landscaping is when you replace your grass or bare surfaces with native plants. Native plants and trees have deeper root systems then grass so they soak up a lot more water. And bonus! They provide other benefits like beautifying your space, attracting pollinators and other beneficial insects, and creating less maintenance in the long run. So consider installing rain barrels, planting trees, and incorporating some native plants into your landscape and remember that every little bit counts!

Receive Up-to-Date Project Information

To receive up-to-date information regarding the Ohio Creek Watershed Project, join our email list. Email ohiocreek@norfolk.gov.

Safety First

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