



WHAT'S ON TAP?

NEWS FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

IMPROVEMENTS TO WESTPORT NEIGHBORHOOD AIM TO REDUCE FLOODING FROM STORMS

Westport is one of the oldest Neighborhoods in Kansas City, founded in 1833 and became part of the city in 1898. It served as a trading post for people before heading west. During that time, there was a "Mill Creek" near the post. Years later, we now know that creek as Mill Street, the section of road that connects Southwest Trafficway to Westport Road and sits just a block away from Broadway Boulevard.

Mill Creek is now contained within KC's combined sewer system, which is over capacity in its water storage. Coupled with the continuing development of Westport over many decades, including roads and buildings

that obstruct the natural overland drainage path and it creates a perfect storm for the significant flooding events that frequently hit the neighborhood.

Those flash floods have caused repeated damage and loss to business owners, residents, and visitors to Westport for many years but a new project by KC Water's stormwater division aims to alleviate the issue.

KC Water will be breaking ground this spring on the "Westport Stormwater Improvements" project. It is a multiphase approach installing two underground storage basins, one under the Sunfresh Market parking lot and one under Dr. Jeremiah Cameron Park.

These storage basins along with a reconstruction of Mill Street will make major improvements to the area's ability to capture stormwater and distribute it more evenly in KC's sewer system, drastically reducing flood concerns. The street reconstruction will incorporate green infrastructure for more resilient stormwater management while facilitating improved spaces for pedestrians, vehicles, and parking.

"We're excited to break ground on this long-anticipated project. Our economic engine is our small businesses and businesses that reside in neighborhoods like Westport," said Andy Shively, Deputy Director. "We want to make it as easy as possible for customers to access those businesses & lessen the chances of major flood events."

Additionally, as part of the project, KC Water along with Kansas City's Parks and Recreation department and other stakeholders will also make improvements to Dr. Jeremiah Cameron Park including a new pedestrian path and additional trees and park space.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

<https://www.westportstormwater.org/>

**Dr. Jeremiah Cameron Park & Westport
Stormwater Improvements Project**

DISCOUNTED FLOOD INSURANCE

Every year there are hundreds of properties in the City that are affected by floods. Flood damages can be devastating to the affected property owners. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides an online tool to help the public to estimate potential flood damages.

WEBSITE LINK

<https://www.floodsmart.gov/flood-insurance-mitigation-discount-tool>

Since most standard property owners' insurance policies do not cover flood damages, flood insurance can be an added expense. To help residents to get the protection they may need from flooding at a lower cost, the City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) under FEMA. The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages communities to enact floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Flood insurance

premium rates are discounted for CRS communities to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's efforts.

Multiple initiatives the City has put into place have made it eligible for a CRS discount. These include environmentally sound regulations like the Open Space Developments & Conservation Developments and Stream Setback, extensive watershed studies and modeling, integrated stormwater management, and multi-decades of flood mitigation improvements.

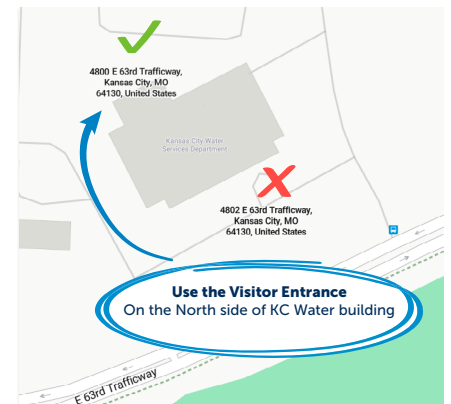
All insurable properties in the City currently can receive a 15% discount off their NFIP flood insurance premium. This discount is automatically applied upon purchase or renewal of the NFIP flood insurance policy. More information is available from the City's Planning and Rezoning Office (816-513-1500) and KC Water's CRS office (816-513-0371). General flood insurance information is available from the National Flood Insurance Program

LOBBY ENTRANCE

TEMPORARILY CHANGED

KC Water is updating and remodeling the main lobby area of the administration building at 4800 E 63rd Street. The work started in early March and is expected to take 90 days.

During this time, the main lobby entrance will be temporarily relocated. Although the department will remain open throughout the renovation, we encourage customers to utilize alternative methods for billing and service, such as the dropbox, outdoor kiosk, or our customer self-service portal at www.kcwater.us, if possible.



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