About a year ago, a torrential rainstorm led to high-water evacuations from the Swope Park Industrial Area after the Blue River overflowed its banks. Today, help is on the way in the form of a flood protection wall and an embankment for a bridge to be constructed in a separate project.

The work is possible thanks to $14 million in funding from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and $9 million in GO bonds approved by Kansas City voters. The Swope project is the third recent large flood protection project to be funded by the Corps in partnership with Kansas City.

Work began in December 2017 on the final phase of the Turkey Creek Flood Control Project protecting Southwest Boulevard near Downtown. In March, the final phase of the Dodson Industrial Flood Protection Project in south Kansas City got under way.

The 53-acre Swope Park Industrial Area near 75th Street and Cleveland Avenue is home to seven businesses that employ about 400 workers.

“We are pleased to be working with the Corps on yet another flood protection project for Kansas City,” said Terry Leeds, Director of KC Water. “And we’re thankful to the voters of Kansas City who approved GO bonds in April of 2017.”

LEAF AND BRUSH CURBSIDE COLLECTION BEGINS OCT. 22

It’s almost fall in the Midwest, and KC Water is ready to collect leaves and brush to help keep Kansas City neighborhoods looking great and area streams and rivers clear.

KC Water will pick up properly prepared lawn debris twice between October and December, based on where you live:

- **CENTRAL** Kansas City from the Missouri River south to 63rd Street, except customers east of Blue Ridge Cutoff: Oct. 22-26. A second collection in the Central zone will occur Nov. 26-30.
- The **NORTH** zone of Kansas City from the Missouri River to the north city limit: Oct. 29-Nov. 2 and Dec. 3-7.
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Set debris curbside by 7 a.m. on your regularly scheduled trash day. Leaves must be in paper bags; brush and sticks must be tied in bundles.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.kcwaterservices.org/leaf-brush

PROTECTION CLOSER FOR SWOPE INDUSTRIAL AREA

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ONLINE PAYMENT IMPROVEMENTS COMING

You asked. We listened.

In response to customer feedback, KC Water is currently in the process of upgrading our online payment portal.

On a computer, tablet or smartphone, you’ll have fingertip access to real-time account and water usage information. Improvements will allow you to log in via social media accounts, set up alerts via text or email, and take advantage of more flexible payment options.

To use the online payment portal, you must complete a one-time registration of your KC Water account on the KC Water website: www.kcwaterservices.org. Click on “register new account” in the upper right-hand corner. You’ll need your account number and other information to register, so have a recent bill handy.

Get ready now to manage your water account more efficiently and easily. Watch for future updates on your monthly invoice, on bill inserts, and here in What’s On Tap.

LARGE HAZARDOUS WASTE LOADS
ACCEPTED BY APPOINTMENT

Do you have hazardous waste you need to get out of the house or garage? Do you have a lot?

If you have more than 600 pounds, then Wednesday is your day to drop it off at KC Water’s Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 4707 Deramus Ave.

You must make an appointment for large loads. It’s easy. Just call 816-513-8400, and we’ll be ready for you. Contractor drop-offs are not accepted.

Smaller loads are still accepted without appointment from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Hazardous waste can be dropped off free of charge by residents of Kansas City, Mo., and more than 50 participating communities. Trained professionals will safely manage, recycle, or properly discard paint, fertilizers, antifreeze, batteries, pesticides and more to protect the region’s groundwater, streams and rivers.

For a list of items accepted, the holiday schedule, and more: www.kcwaterservices.org/programs/hhw.

62 DAYS, 200+ ARTISTS, 1 CITY

Open Spaces is a citywide, family-friendly arts festival with Swope Park as its hub.

From Aug. 25-Oct. 28, Kansas City transforms into a center of artistic expression filled with performances, art installations, food, music and more.

There are four ways to enjoy:

• The Exhibition includes over 40 public art installations throughout the city by international, national, and local artists.
• The Village in Swope Park comes alive on weekends with food, local goods for sale and free performances.
• The Expanded Field includes free and paid programs happening across the metro, such as live puppetry, exhibitions, performances and more.
• The Weekend at Starlight Theatre includes iconic performing artists like Janelle Monae and The Roots.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.OpenSpacesKC.com

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