

# Current CONNECTIONS

CHANNAHON | CREST HILL | JOLIET | MINOOKA | ROMEOVILLE | SHOREWOOD

## Construction UPDATES



Construction of the first Grand Prairie Water Commission (GPWC) project began in June near 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Kedvale Avenue on the southwest side of Chicago. This is where the Commission will receive Lake Michigan water from the City of Chicago. Work at this location includes a tunnel extension and low service pump station that will be owned by the City of Chicago, and a suction well and high service pump station that will be owned by the GPWC.

Right now, shafts are being drilled at each end of the tunnel extension. Excavation for the tunnel will begin in September and continue well into 2026. The construction of the tunnel extension is expected to be completed by the end of 2026. Suction well and pump station construction will continue at this location through late 2029.

**Stay up to date on all construction by visiting the website and viewing the [interactive construction map](#).**



## WYLAND MAYORS CHALLENGE

### And the Winner is...

Congratulations to the Village of Channahon for winning the Grand Prairie Water Commission's 2025 Mayors Challenge for Water Conservation. This friendly competition between members was conducted in conjunction with the National Wyland Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation held during the month of April. Mayors from all six member communities kicked off their participation in the national competition by promoting it in a live interview on WJOL on April 1st.

While none of the GPWC members won the national challenge, each community used the activity to raise awareness of the importance of water conservation. In celebration of Channahon's local victory, the traveling water challenge trophy was presented to Mayor Schumacher at the July Channahon Village Board meeting.

# HERE, THERE, EVERWHERE.

*community events*



Minooka



Touch a Truck Event

Joliet



Slammers Game



Kidz Fest



Public Works Open House

Fire Department Open House



Channahon

Pathways to Professions Event



Rain Barrel Distribution

Romeoville



## Community SPOTLIGHT

### JOLIET

Joliet continues to move forward with its comprehensive water main replacement program. A total of 17 water main replacement contracts were awarded in the Spring of 2025 and are now in construction across the City. Detailed information on the status of individual projects can be found on the City's website at: [Construction Zone | City of Joliet, IL](#).

Engineering for improvements needed to prepare the City's water system to receive Lake Michigan water in 2030 are also progressing. Improvements including the initial pumping station improvements, and additional water main and water storage tank improvements are expected to begin construction in Spring 2026.

Joliet continues to make use of low-interest state and federal funding sources for these projects. The Illinois EPA is making very low interest loan funds available to the City for much of its 2025 water main replacement work. At the same time, the City plans to close on a new loan through the US EPA's WIFIA loan program to support construction of the local improvements needed to receive and distribute Lake Michigan water. This new loan will supplement previous loans provided to the City by US EPA and help to control the impact of new projects on customers' water rates.

## Conservation CORNER

While doing Fall clean-up, keep these tips in mind:



**Sweep your sidewalks and driveways instead of using the hose.**



**Be sure to clear leaves and debris from sewer grates so storm water can drain.**



**Disconnect garden hoses and turn off/drain irrigation systems until Spring.**