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GLWA MAKING PROGRESS ON THE REPAIR LEAK OF ITS 36-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN ON GRATIOT BETWEEN 24 AND 25 MILE ROADS IN CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP

- *Isolation achieved on the 36-inch transmission main on Gratiot between 24 and 25 Mile Roads in Chesterfield Township on Wednesday*
- *GLWA's contractor has excavated the leak site and will remove the damaged section of main today; the replacement section of main is on-site and will be installed over the weekend*
- *Flushing and water quality testing will occur early the week of July 14; it is anticipated that the main will be returned to service by the end of next week*
- *Low system pressures and discolored water may continue to be experienced during the repairs*

DETROIT – On Saturday, July 5, 2025, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) identified a leak on a 36-inch water transmission main on Gratiot Avenue between 24 and 25 Mile Roads in Chesterfield Township.

After stabilizing pressures in the impacted area, GLWA Field Service crews achieved isolation of the main on Wednesday, and its contractor was able to excavate the leak site and determine that one 18-foot section of GLWA's 36-inch transmission main needs to be removed and replaced.

The damaged segment of main will be removed today and the replacement section is expected to be installed over the weekend. Once the main segment is replaced, the next steps include filling the pipe, adding chlorine for disinfection and then flushing. Water quality testing will then take at least two days. It is anticipated that, barring any unforeseen circumstances, the main will be returned to service by the end of next week.

Due to the manipulation of the system to isolate the 36-inch main, lower system pressures may continue to be experienced during the repair in the impacted communities of Chesterfield Township, Lenox Township, and the Village of New Haven. Also, due to the opening of emergency connections in the area of the leak, residents and businesses in the impacted communities could experience discolored or cloudy water.

For water pressure or water quality concerns, residents and businesses should contact their municipality's Department of Public Works.

More information will be shared as it becomes available.

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About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent, and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent, of Michigan's population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its services beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA's board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit, and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent member partner communities outside of the tri-county area.