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**GLWA MAKING PROGRESS ON THE REPAIR OF THE LEAK ON ITS  
36-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN ON  
24 MILE ROAD NEAR GRATIOT IN CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP**

- *GLWA's proactive inspection of its 36-inch water transmission main in Chesterfield Township last week identified two 20-foot sections in the early stages of failure*
- *The sections of main, located along Gratiot Avenue between Glen Oak Drive and Butternut Street, will be replaced to help avoid a future catastrophic failure*
- *A 30-inch valve on the transmission main, located at Gratiot and Sugarberry Drive, is also being replaced while the main is out of service*
- *GLWA crews and contractors mobilized over the weekend, and the repair and replacement work has started; it is expected that both 20-foot sections of pipe will be removed in the next 24 hours*
- *With work continuing around the clock, it is estimated that these new repairs will be completed this week*
- *The boil water advisory for a section of Lenox Township remains in place*

DETROIT – On Tuesday, February 24, 2025, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) identified a leak on its 36-inch water transmission main on 24 Mile Road just west of Gratiot Avenue in Chesterfield Township. The leak was created when a utility contractor working in the area struck the main.

GLWA's proactive inspection last week of the nearly two miles of out of service transmission main identified two 20-foot sections in the early stages of failure. The sections of main, located along Gratiot Avenue, between Glen Oak Drive and Butternut Street, are now in the process of being replaced to avoid a future catastrophic failure. A 30-inch valve, located at Gratiot Avenue and Sugarberry, is also being replaced.

To ensure the safety of crews and residents, several changes to local traffic patterns are now in place, including:

- The right lane of northbound Gratiot Avenue will be close until the repairs are completed;
- The intersection of northbound Gratiot Avenue and Sugarberry will be closed (as the valve replacement work is occurring in the middle of the intersection); Residents of

Whispering Pines Condominium Complex off Sugarberry Drive will have access using Pineridge Drive from 24 Mile Road or Butternut Street from Gratiot Avenue;

- Note: Access to homes will be maintained during construction from Gratiot and Glen Oak Drive and Gratiot and Butternut Street.

The boil water advisory for a section of Lenox Township is required to remain in place until all repairs are completed, and the required water quality testing is done. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, this is anticipated to be the middle of the week of March 9, 2026.

“I want to express my sincere gratitude to the residents and businesses who have been impacted throughout this unexpected, but critical, work on the regional water transmission system,” said Suzanne R. Coffey, Chief Executive Officer, GLWA. “We understand the additional inconvenience our work to address the concerns found in our inspection will create for you; however, this work is essential to improving the reliability of the system and the service we provide to our customers. Thank you for your continued patience.”

GLWA continues to work closely with its impacted member partner communities, which include Chesterfield Township, Lenox Township and the Village of New Haven.

For water pressure and 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.