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Howard Storage Basin (CSO Rack 22) Work

Akron, Ohio – Sept. 14, 2016 - Construction on Howard Storage Basin (CSO Rack 22) began September 12 with a change in the traffic patterns on Cuyahoga St. The project must be completed by December 31, 2017. Great Lakes Construction Company will be the construction manager at risk for the project.

Site and tree clearing will begin after October 1, 2016. In compliance with federal regulations, the trees must be removed after that date to accommodate the Indiana and Northern Long Eared Bats, a federally endangered and threatened species that begins migrating and leaving their tree nests after Oct. 1.

As part of the Akron Waterways Renewed! program's "2 for 1" planting program, for every tree that must be cleared, two will be planted in its place.

The basin, which will hold 2.5 million gallons of overflow from combined sewers, will be built near the corner of Howard Street and Cuyahoga Street. The lane closure will affect the eastbound right turn lane, but it will be open at the intersection. Additional traffic information for this and all other work in the City of Akron can be found at www.driveakron.com.

For more information on CSO Rack 22, please contact Heather Bolestridge at (330) 375-2949, or by email at hbolestridge@gstephensinc.com.

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