



# INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

## BASELINE IMPROVEMENTS: TOWN FORK CREEK BLENHEIM PARK GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE: **DECEMBER 2022**  
TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT: **\$1,400,000**

KC Water constructed important improvements to the wastewater system in your neighborhood. This included rain gardens, new storm inlets, and improved drainage in Blenheim Park, which helps our community manage stormwater the way nature intended by capturing and utilizing rainwater where it falls. Now complete, the project has helped revitalize Blenheim park, improve the capacity of the wastewater collection system, reduce the volume of sewer overflows into local waterways and reduce the potential for basement backups.

## PROJECT AREA

**THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED WITHIN  
BLENHEIM PARK. THE BOUNDARIES ARE:**

- NORTH: E. 68TH STREET
- SOUTH: E. 70TH STREET
- EAST: THE PASEO
- WEST: FOREST HILL & CALVARY CEMETERY



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## WHAT WORK WAS DONE?

For this project, KC Water:

- Constructed four rain gardens in Blenheim Park
- Replaced eight storm inlets
- Improved and widen the walking trails within the project area to meet ADA requirements
- Extended the walking trail north to 68th Street
- Improved drainage to the ditch that flows to the northwest corner of the park

## WHY IS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PART OF THIS?

Green infrastructure helps our community manage stormwater the way nature intended by capturing and utilizing rainwater where it falls. It decreases the amount of water getting into our sewer system, improves water quality, and reduces flooding, pollution, and trash in our creeks, streams, and rivers. Green infrastructure is also a starting place for other important community improvements, including replacing walking trails, expanding the tree canopy, and creating new amenities that benefit your community.

## WHO DID THE WORK?

KC Water was assisted by its program manager, Burns & McDonnell; its design professional, HG Consult; and its construction contractor, Gunter Construction.

## WHAT'S THE "CONSENT DECREE"?

In 2010, the City of Kansas City, Missouri entered into a federal Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency to reduce the volume of overflows from the City's sewer system. KC Water's Smart Sewer program is a 30-year effort to address this challenge. The Baseline Improvements: Town Fork Creek project was one of more than 100 projects being implemented by the Smart Sewer program, and was required by the Consent Decree to be completed by December 31, 2022.