UPGRADING AN AGING RAILYARD STORWATER SYSTEM

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PROJECT OVERVIEW & GOALS







SELECTED DESIGN

New lift station & jack & bore (under RR tracks) + slip-line (sensitive areas) + open-cut



SELECTED DESIGN

DEMOLISH EXISTING LIFT STATION & ABANDON BRICK SEWER UNDER RR TRACKS



PERMITTING – ACOE, IDNR, IDEM, GSWMD, LAKE COUNTY

• Army Corps of Engineers

- <0.1 acre impact to Crowley Ditch
- Use of coffer dam for outfall construction at Grand Calumet River
- IDNR
 - Disturbance limits in Nature Preserve
 - Plans for handling of fly ash; slip-line contingency plan
 - Restoration requirements
- IDEM Rule 5 (SWPPP)
- Gary Storm Water Management District (SWPPP)
- Lake County (SWPPP)

LIFT STATION DESIGN

- (3) 35-hp submersible pumps
- Cast-in-place concrete wet well
- 23' deep wet well
- Cast-in-place concrete valve vault
- Pre-fabricated oil-monitoring building



LIFT STATION CONSTRUCTION



Sheet pile coffer dam and dewatering



Completed excavation and subgrade preparation

LIFT STATION CONSTRUCTION



Wet well near complete; preparing subgrade for inlet channel



Completed lift station with rip-rap lined channel inlet, trash grate, and electrical control panels

JACK & BORE - CONSTRUCTION



Dewatering along pipe alignment to prevent running sand during bore

Pilot bore using the Ackerman Guided Boring System

JACK & BORE - CONSTRUCTION



Pilot rod welded to steel casing

Jack & bore of the steel casing

JACK & BORE – CONSTRUCTION (UTILITIES)



Potholing utilities with vacuum truck and surveying elevation



Abandoned water line (unmarked) – hit during jack and bore (view from inside of steel casing)

SLIP LINE – CONSTRUCTION (PREPARATION)



Nozzle head for high-pressure water jet cleaning brick sewer



Using water jet and vacuum truck to clean brick sewer

SLIP LINE – CONSTRUCTION



Brick sewer side view during nozzle retrieval (note groundwater and mortar conditions)



Reaming head connected to liner pipe, ready to pull into entry pit

SLIP LINE – CONSTRUCTION



Slip line segment completed (~600')



Assisting slip line with excavator to overcome underground debris

SLIP LINE – CONSTRUCTION



Contingency plan: excavate and remove obstruction



Using electro-fusion coupling to connect liner pipe at obstruction

OPEN CUT TRENCH CONSTRUCTION



Placing and grading stone bedding at bottom of trench



Removal of brick sewer top and sides, and placing stone bedding (fly ash placed on Visqueen and covered)

OPEN CUT TRENCH CONSTRUCTION





Loading and hauling off fly ash encountered during trenching

Open-cut installation: 45° bends, avoiding existing utilities, and tee-fitting for air-release valve

OUTFALL HEADWALL CONSTRUCTION



Installation of the sheet pile cofferdam



Installation of the flap gate on the outfall headwall

EROSION CONTROL BMPS





Installation of silt fence (following trench cut)

Installation of erosion control netting along Crowley Ditch slopes

EROSION CONTROL BMPS



Dewatering filter basin: geotextile filter bag set inside straw bale basin lined with additional geotextile



Dewatering filter basin

RESTORATION – SALVAGE OF NATIVE PLANTS



Identify areas of sensitive plant species to be salvaged



Excavate sensitive plants with root system intact

RESTORATION – SALVAGE OF NATIVE PLANTS



Some plants were staged on geotextile to allow for trenching to be completed and backfilled



Placement, backfill, and watering of transplants

RESTORATION – FINAL SEEDING



Hydro-seeding and mulching temporary cover crop

Drill seeding permanent native seed

CONCLUSIONS

- New lift station with (3) 35-hp pumps
- Approximately 4,400' of underground 24" sewer pipe
 - 2,180' via open-cut
 - 1,725' via slip-line
 - 495' via jack & bore
- New independent outfall to Grand Calumet River
- (12) underground utility crossings
- (4) outside property crossings
- (16) track crossings (4) mainline tracks and (12) yard tracks
- Minimal impact to sensitive habitat and enhanced areas of the INDNR property
- Project is in Year 1 (2016) of a 3-year minimum monitoring and management plan – CN continues to work closely with the InDNR to manage impacts



First discharge at new outfall to Grand Calumet River