

Richmond DPU: City Improvement Projects

Job: Villa Heights and Oak Crest Drainage Improvement Project

Location: 8th City Council District

Project Introduction

The Villa Heights and Oak Crest Drainage Improvement Project area is bounded by Bells Road to the north, Dale Avenue to the south, Richmond Highway to the west, and a CSX right-of-way to the east.

Within the project area there have been historical complaints of drainage issues. This project will provide improved drainage and better continuity of the drainage area to existing outfalls.

Drainage improvements will occur along, but are not limited to, the following roadways: Lynhaven Avenue, Meridian Avenue, Dana Street, Coles Street, Courtland Street, Sisco Avenue, Flint Street, Buford Avenue, and Lancelot Avenue.



Project Schedule

Project Assignment: November 2024 (Jacobs)

Survey & Preliminary Design: In Progress (H&B Surveying and Mapping, LLC, Accumark Inc., and Jacobs)

Engineering Design: Estimated 30% Design Completion Spring 2026 (Jacobs)

Construction Assignment: To Be Determined

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Field Investigations:

The first phase of the Villa Heights and Oak Crest Drainage Improvement Project includes field investigations to collect information about the existing drainage conditions within the project area.

Accumark Inc. is locating subsurface utilities and H&B Surveying and Mapping, LLC is performing field investigations and surveying.

Richmonders may see field personnel, survey crews, and vehicles within the project area collecting data, marking existing utilities, and performing these field investigations.

All representatives will carry appropriate identification, wear reflective, high-visibility safety vests, and will not need to enter your home.

Though most of this work will be performed within the roads' rights-of-way some field surveys will be conducted on private property beginning on November 24th of 2025 with prior property owner permission, primarily along Coles Street, Lynhaven Avenue, and Meridian Avenue.

These survey crews need pets to be kept out of your yard while they conduct their work.

We are committed to minimizing any disruptions to your daily activities and will limit time spent on your property as much as possible.

The information collected during surveying is critical to ensure the development of an accurate design.

Project Duration:

This project is in the beginning phases of design with surveying currently underway.

The project's 30% engineering design is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2026.

The project's anticipated construction duration will be based on many factors and is difficult to estimate before the project design is finalized.

This flyer will be updated with additional information as the project progresses.

We greatly appreciate your patience as these improvements are both planned and implemented to improve drainage in your neighborhood.

For questions, comments, or concerns specifically about any of these projects, please contact:

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