



CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON | DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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January 26, 2026

Re: Valley Creek Public Information Meeting/Open House, February 10, 2026; 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Dear Valley Creek Landowner,

On December 9, 2025, the City of Port Washington hosted a Public Information Meeting (PIM) on the Valley Creek Improvement project. The goal of the overall project is to protect public infrastructure and enhance natural habitat while focusing on long-term sustainability. This includes replacement of undersized and aging culverts, reduction of stream downcutting, and stabilization of eroding streambanks. It also incorporates water quality enhancements to filter pollutants, support local wildlife, and contribute to the overall health of our water resources. This holistic design will contribute to the long-term sustainability and resilience of the Valley Creek ecosystem. To achieve these goals, major stream restoration work is proposed in the most highly degraded area of the creek, south of Norport Drive to Lake Michigan.

North of Norport Drive the project is more limited in scope, but includes:

- Replacement of the existing culvert under Norport Drive with a larger, bottomless culvert.
- Channel modifications immediately upstream of Norport Drive, to transition the existing stream channel into the new culvert
- Spot stabilization treatments of small areas of eroding streambank
- Removal of large woody debris from the stream corridor

At the PIM, several homeowners living north of E. Norport Dr. raised concerns regarding flooding risks in that area of the watershed. It is not anticipated that official floodplain elevations will change north of Norport Drive as a result of this project. If your home or property is currently located in a mapped FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) floodplain, but you believe the FEMA mapping does not accurately reflect the floodplain location or flood risk on your property, you may be eligible to pursue a Letter of Map Change (LOMC) with FEMA. A LOMC can update FEMA's flood maps to reflect revised flood risk, and impact flood insurance requirements on your property.

To help address questions regarding the Valley Creek Restoration Project, we are hosting a second PIM in an open house format geared solely for residents located north of E. Norport Dr. Project staff and agency partners will be available to answer questions and discuss the project in more detail. Members of our team will also be available to discuss the FEMA floodplain mapping program, and processes that FEMA provides for possible map changes. The PIM/open house will be held on Tuesday, February 10, from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM at City Hall.

For further information or questions before the open house, please contact me at [rvandennoven@portwashingtonwi.gov](mailto:rvandennoven@portwashingtonwi.gov), and our team can provide you with a response prior to the meeting. Thank you for your interest in the project. We look forward to working together to improve and sustain the Valley Creek corridor.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works