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**The Bay Street Sewer and Pump Station Rehabilitation Project Protects Public Health and Restores Local Lake Pier**  
*A Special Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony in Pontiac to Highlight Effort*

Waterford, Mich., October 11, 2023—Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash held a special ribbon-cutting ceremony for the restoration of the Bay Street Sewer and Pump Station rehabilitation project on Wednesday, October 11 at 2:30 p.m. The ceremony was held at Galloway Lake Park at the fishing pier located at 1460 N Perry Street in Pontiac. Commissioner Nash was joined by local stakeholders, community leaders and the project team.

“This project I hope will help enhance and restore recreational opportunities for the community while improving the infrastructure and protecting public health,” said Commissioner Nash.

In 2023, closed circuit television footage of the sanitary sewer revealed signs of pipe corrosion due to hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S). The footage highlighted the significant repairs needed to protect the integrity of the sewer system. In response to this discovery, the project began immediately this year. It is a very important project which also allowed for the opportunity to a longstanding fishing pier on the property, which was in very poor condition. This added work helps with local efforts to invest and revitalize community parks. The Oakland County Water Resources engineering team collaborated with Fishbeck, Inc. on the project’s construction design.

The project has many new features which include:

- Installation of a new 1,650-foot force main from the Bay Street Pump Station to the Perry Street force main.
- Rerouting the new 30-inch sewer around the new Amazon building to connect to an existing manhole.
- Improvements to the Bay Street Pump Station including new pumps, pump station controls, and HVAC improvements to the wet well.
- Rehabilitating the fishing pier for Galloway Lake Park.
- Upgrades to the parking area next to the fishing pier and pump station.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony included:

- Welcome from WRC Marketing and Communications Supervisor Trisha Bruzek
- Project information from WRC Assistant Chief Engineer Evans Bantios
- Project goals from the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash
- Remarks from the City of Pontiac’s Mayor Tim Greimel
- Ribbon-cutting and light refreshments

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