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For more information, visit the project website: cambridgema.gov/theport

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#### **COMING SOON:**

Virtual Public Meeting: MARCH 31 Community Event: JUNE 25 Pop-Ups Neighborhood Walk and more

Scan the QR code for more details

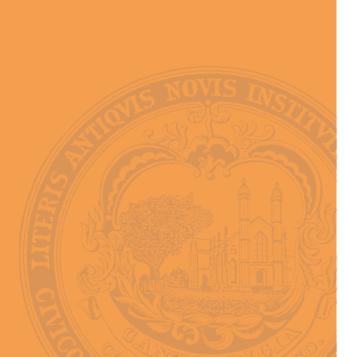




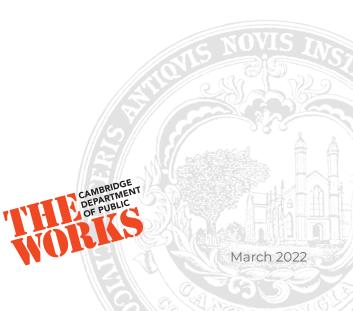
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#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The Port Infrastructure Project consists of improvements to:











Sewe

Drainage

The Port neighborhood is vulnerable to flooding and the risk of flooding is increasing due to more frequent, short, very intense storm events.

This project will reduce flooding in the neighborhood by replacing old pipes, installing new pipes, and building underground storage tanks.

The new tanks and upgraded pipe system will carry stormwater away from The Port to the Charles River, reducing severe flooding and sewer backups during large storms.

The project will also improve safety and accessibility on neighborhood streets and sidewalks, increase tree canopy, and enhance public spaces with landscaping, public art, seating, and play elements.



Bishop Allen Drive at School Street is flooded after a July 2010 storm.

#### **SHARE YOUR INPUT**

The City wants to hear from you during a virtual public meeting on March 31 at 6 PM. Learn about project progress, what shared streets are, and next steps, and share your feedback about street improvements.

# Virtual meeting registration link: tinyurl.com/332cje3z

Unable to attend? Visit the project website to learn more details, including about the Working Group\*, and to watch the recorded presentation: <a href="mailto:cambridgema.gov/theport">cambridgema.gov/theport</a>

\*The Working Group includes appointed individuals who live or work in The Port. The volunteer group advises the City on key issues related to the planning and design for this important project.

## PHASE 1, COMPLETED

In Phase 1, the City built an underground stormwater tank at Parking Lot 6 (PL6) off Bishop Allen Drive.

The tank went online in May 2021 and diverted more than 3.5 million gallons of stormwater in Summer 2021 alone, reducing surface flooding in the neighborhood.



A rendering of the finished stormwater tank with Market Central in the background.

### PHASE 2, COMING SOON

In Phase 2, the City will build more underground stormwater and sewage storage tanks in The Port to reduce the frequency and severity of flooding. These storage tanks will no longer be located under Clement Morgan Park as originally discussed.

Phase 2 also includes upgrades to existing underground utilities and improvements to neighborhood streets, sidewalks, and public spaces.

Working with the community, the City can incorporate:

- Improved crosswalks and sidewalks
- Traffic calming and shared street designs
- Improved lighting and landscaping
- Street trees and green infrastructure
- Public art and interactive elements

Share your feedback on these topics at the upcoming virtual public meeting.



