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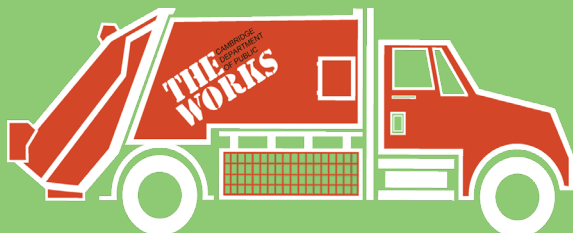
bike tune-ups, and more.



Details will be added to the project webpage soon.

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for more information about this event.



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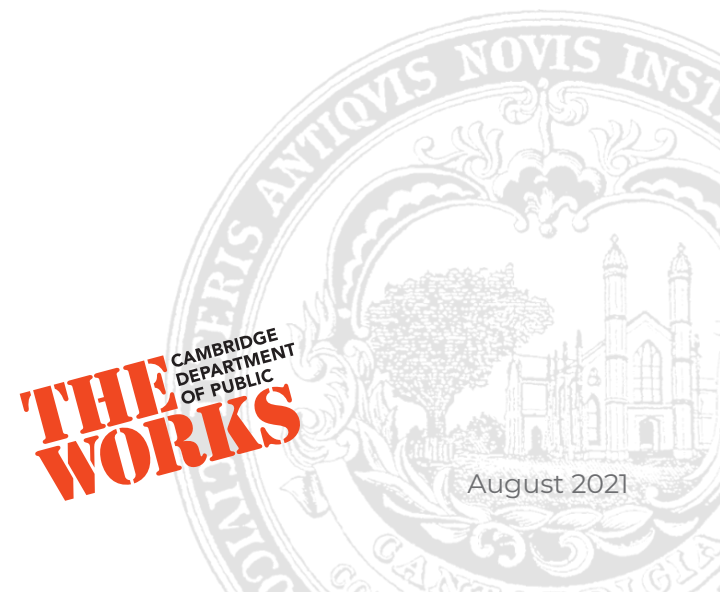
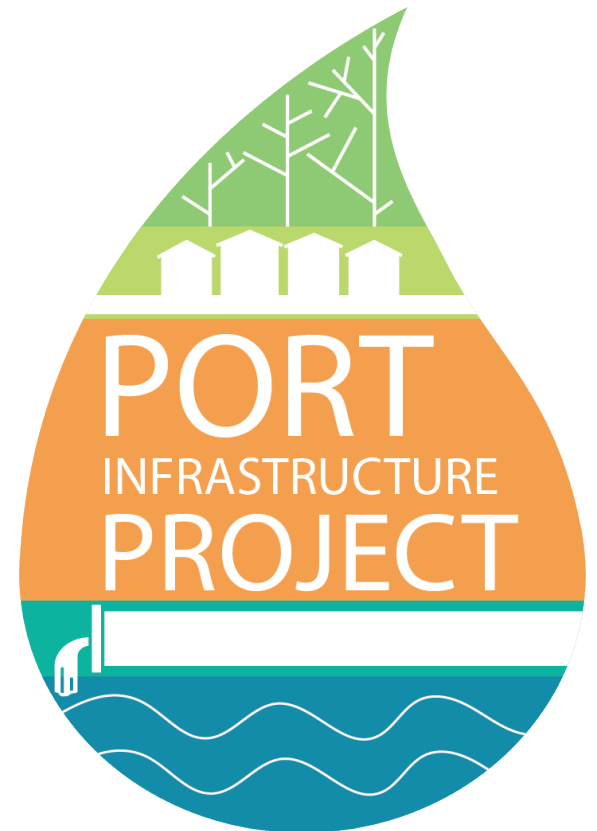
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### ABOUT THE PROJECT LOGO



Each layer of the logo represents the infrastructure improvements to be made as part of the Port Infrastructure Project. These improvements, identified from top to bottom, include: open space; sidewalks and streets; sewer; drainage; and Charles River water quality.



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Port Infrastructure Project consists of over \$35 million in improvements to:



Streets & sidewalks



Trees & open space



Water



Sewer



Drainage

The Port neighborhood is vulnerable to flooding and the City's assessment of climate change has shown that the risk of flooding is increasing, due to more frequent, short, very intense storm events.

This Project will reduce the frequency and severity of stormwater flooding and sewer backups in the neighborhood, and upgrade the neighborhood's surface infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, shade trees, landscaping, and open spaces.

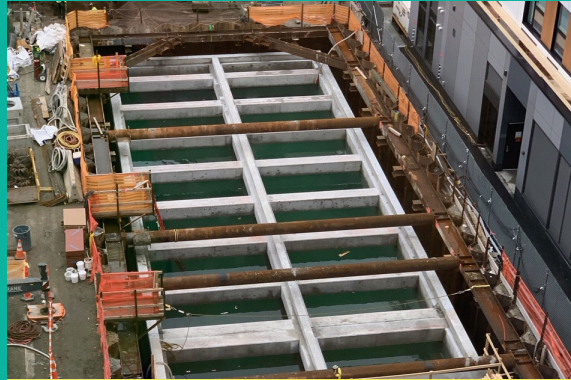
The Project includes construction of underground storage tanks. The tanks will capture stormwater then pump it to systems that can carry the water away from The Port to the Charles River. Sanitary sewerage will also be captured and stored to reduce sewer backups during large storm events.



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

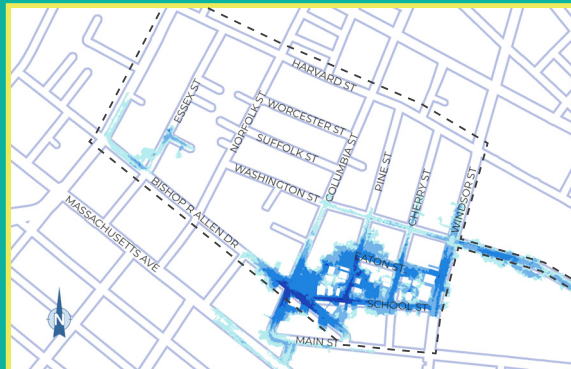
# PHASE 1, COMPLETED

Phase 1 included construction of an underground stormwater tank at Parking Lot 6 (PL6) off Bishop Allen Drive. The tank became operational in May 2021 and has provided immediate benefits by decreasing flooding in The Port during rainstorms.



The PL6 Tank under construction.

After additional new storage tanks are installed, flooding\* will be reduced during frequent, small storms. Flooding may still occur, however, during high-intensity storms. Without storage tanks, flooding\* occurs during frequent, small storms.



Without the storage tanks, flooding\* occurs during frequent, small storms.

### Map Key



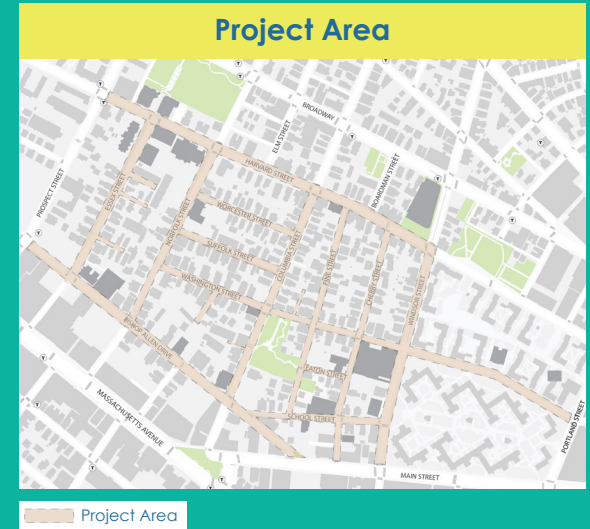
Flooding Areas

\*Anticipated flooding for a 2030, 10-year/24-hour storm.

# PHASE 2, COMING SOON

Under Phase 2, additional underground stormwater and sewage storage will be constructed within The Port. Construction of major tanks beneath Morgan Park is no longer being considered due to community impacts. Phase 2 also includes upgrades to existing underground utilities, and streets, sidewalks, and other public open spaces within the Project Area.

The City is also committed to increasing tree canopy and reducing paved areas in The Port as part of this project. Our summers are becoming hotter due to climate change. Trees help lower the "feels-like" temperature, reduce home cooling costs, and improve air quality.



Project Area