



# VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE

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## SWAA & OMP Weekly Update

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A new year brings a great deal of progress for the Package 7 demolition. As of today there are only two buildings left standing. The apartment building at 121 W. Green Street and the old auto body shop at 307-309 Railroad Avenue still are standing. The rest of the buildings have been demolished, with some of them already being backfilled. See the map below for which sites have been backfilled and which have only been demolished. We are expecting the entire package 7 demolition and backfill to be completed around the end of the month. When it is completed, all the structures and private walkways will be gone, but the streets, trees, parking lots and public sidewalks will remain until package 8 demolition.

We have met on site several times to discuss the future of package 8, which includes the demolition of Jimenez and the installation of landscaping by the OMP. The first step to the process is to put up a construction fence around the Jimenez property. Now that Jimenez is closed and will be completely moved out shortly, the fence will be installed in the next several weeks. The fence will be the standard 8'-0" high chain link, except it will not have the green fabric mounted to it initially. It looks like it may be several more months before a contractor is awarded package 8, so there is no need to install the fabric at this time. This will allow for better visual security from vandals and trespassers through the area by our police and the aviation police. Prior to any demolition starting, the fabric will be installed as further protection for our Village.

It has been worked out that the OMP will be supplying the new conduit and trench for our street lights to remain in service along Railroad Street. Our Public Works will then supply the wires and manpower to connect the street lights as necessary to keep them working. Once that connection has been made, all the power poles will be decommissioned throughout package 7.

Any utilities for the old school building will be relocated to be fed from Green Street. Currently the building is provided services from Lincoln, but with its imminent removal the OMP is working on their service relocations.

As for the design of the landscaped area, we are moving forward. Staff is meeting with LandTech landscape designers next week to review the first round of designs. We are anxious to finish a design so it can be implemented into the package 8 bid documents. The landscape design will be paid for by the Village, but the landscape install will be covered by the OMP. The goal is to design a "park-like" setting for the main corner of York and Green and have open grass areas throughout the rest of the package. The entire area will be maintained by Chicago in the future.

### **Packages 1-6: All properties north of the Metra tracks**

Demolition is complete. All packages have been closed out. The fence screening will be removed shortly. Now that the demolition is completed and the dust has settled, there is no need for the screening. This will also allow our residents to see the progress being made on the future UP bridge and Irving Park Road reroute.

Prep work for the new Union Pacific Bridge has begun at Pershing and Irving. The southern buttress for the bridge has formwork in place and is ready for concrete to be poured. It is moving along quickly and appears to be on schedule.

Mass grading for the Irving Park Road, Union Pacific Rail, and Silver Creek will begin shortly. Most of the demolition area will be raised up to be level with the existing airport. All of the earth mounds along Irving have been stored all this time to be the fill for the area. As mentioned in previous reports, no earth or concrete is hauled offsite in order to recycle its use for the future.

For any other questions or comments, feel free to call or email me at your convenience.

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# PACKAGE 7 DEMOLITION PROGRESS MAP

