



City of Eau Claire

Engineering Department

2025-03: Birch Street Improvements

Birch Street, Franklin Street to Bergen Avenue

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Current Date: 6/11/2025

Construction on: Birch Street (Franklin Street to Bergen Avenue).

Tentative Start Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 | **Contractor:** Haas Sons, Inc., Thorp, WI

Proposed Work: Work will consist of removing the existing concrete surface, removing curb and gutter, removing driveway approaches, grading and graveling, new curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk repair, pedestrian ramp improvements, new concrete driveway approaches, new bituminous pavement, lawn restoration, and epoxy pavement marking.

Phases: The project will be completed in two phases, with Phase I closing Birch Street from Balcom Street to Bergen Avenue. A signed detour using Putnam Street, Omaha Street, and Starr Avenue will be in place during Phase I. When Phase I has been completed, the remaining section of Birch Street, from Franklin Street to Balcom Street, will be reconstructed.

Project Engineer: Tim Pluth/Cody Thiede | **Project Inspector:** Cody Zastrow

The contractor for this project will have various sub-contractors working for them throughout project completion.

This project will be supervised by the City Engineering Department. There will be City inspectors on site each day during construction to answer any questions regarding the project.

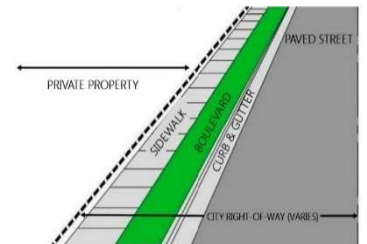
For additional information about this project, please contact the Engineering Department via phone at 715-839-4934 or email at engineering@eauclairewi.gov. We look forward to working with you to improve the city streets and utility system.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

Please note that anything within the City Right-of-Way (ROW) Line, which does vary, may be affected by the repair process. Any private property area affected by construction will be restored, at no additional charge, to its original state. If you have any questions regarding how the construction may affect the area along your property, please contact us to discuss it.

The contractor cannot guarantee the condition of items located in the City Right-of-Way once construction begins.

- If you have an irrigation system in the City Right-of-Way, please be sure to locate and remove it prior to the start of construction to avoid damage.
- Any landscaping, fencing, or other items located in the City Right-of-Way should be removed prior to the start of construction to avoid damage.
- The City will not be held responsible for damage to items within the City Right-of-Way.



FORESTRY

Existing trees and shrubs that conflict with the construction will be removed by the contractor; an attempt will be made to contact the property owner prior to removal. Every effort will be made to protect existing trees that do not interfere with construction.

Property owners planning to transplant trees or save existing fences, landscaping, or sprinkler systems located in the City Right-of-Way must do so prior to the start of construction. The contractor cannot guarantee the condition of these items once construction begins.

The City Forestry Division prioritizes street reconstruction during the spring and fall tree planting seasons. All boulevard tree work is done at no cost to the homeowner. If a tree must be removed, a new tree will be planted once construction is complete. The City is working to diversify the boulevard tree population, and our Certified Arborists will select the best tree for your space to ensure its long life. While we will honor any requests for specific trees that you do not want, the City does offer an optional Boulevard Tree Rebate Program for those who wish to choose and plant their own tree. Rebate program information and the pre-approval application are available on the City website here: <https://www.eauclairewi.gov/recreation/parks-forestry-and-cemetery-division/boulevard-tree-program>

Please contact the **City Parks, Forestry, & Cemetery Division** at 715-839-5039 with any questions.

DRIVEWAYS

New concrete driveway approaches will be constructed, if necessary, to match existing driveways. Please contact City Engineering at 715-839-4934 if a wider driveway approach is desired with this project. **An additional charge is incurred for the widening of driveway approaches.**

The City recommends that you do not drive on your new concrete driveway for a minimum of seven (7) days after the driveway is poured to help reduce the risk of cracking.

NATURAL GAS

If you are considering conversion to Xcel Energy natural gas, please contact Xcel Energy right away. After the street has been resurfaced, permits to excavate in the street are prohibited for five (5) years, except in the case of an emergency.

Xcel Energy Contact Information:
During business hours: 800-628-2121
After business hours: 800-895-4999

GARBAGE PICKUP

Please contact your garbage company directly with any questions about garbage pickup during the time of construction.

LAWN CARE

Property owners are responsible for all watering and maintenance of restored lawn areas and are encouraged to review the notice(s) provided for additional information, which includes recommended maintenance.

- Begin watering the new sod/seed shortly after it has been placed as adequate water is essential for establishment of a root system and a lush green yard.
- Restored areas are inspected for growth in the weeks following placement of sod/seed with a final inspection taking place thirty (30) days after placement. If seeded areas show no growth or sodded areas need replacement at the time of the final inspection, this is noted by the project inspector and the area(s) will be restored. **If adequate growth is shown following the 30-day final inspection, the City and contractor will not re-seed or re-sod the restored areas.**

PROJECT COMPLETION

Anticipated Completion Date: September 19, 2025

Street construction causes a significant inconvenience to you as a property owner. There will be times during construction when the street will not be accessible, and we will make all efforts to complete the project by the anticipated completion date with this in mind.

All streets will be closed to through traffic with local access only during construction.

Completion of the project is based upon weather conditions and delivery of construction materials throughout the duration of the project.