**Sandstone Tunnel Cleaning Project in Saint Paul**

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**Project Overview**

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) cleaned a regional sanitary sewer interceptor located on the west side of Saint Paul from March 2019 through August 2019. The regional sanitary sewer interceptor consists of a sandstone tunnel that is partially lined with clay tile. The upper portion of the tunnels are exposed sandstone. Previous inspections of the sandstone tunnel indicated that debris removal was needed to maintain sewer operations.

**Project Completion**

The George Street construction site has been fully restored with new sod and trees. Project construction and the tunnel cleaning is complete.

The following work was completed as part of this project:

- Removal of debris from the sandstone tunnel.
- Installation of new maintenance hole and shaft on George Street between Livingston Avenue and Robert Street.
- Installation of a city-owned maintenance hole at the intersection of State Street and Stevens Street. This site was also used for access to the sandstone tunnel during cleaning.

For more information about this project, [read this recent article](https://www.metrocouncil.org) on the Metropolitan Council website.

**Thank You**

A special thank you to those who may have been impacted by this construction project. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.