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Hopewell South Demolition to Begin

To prepare for the creation of the new Hopewell neighborhood, a demolition project is planned for the neighborhood. This project will not only pave the way for future development efforts but will also remove vacant structures that are creating security concerns for our surrounding neighbors.

The structures are small and will be manually demolished by a team of 2-4 individuals reducing noise impact, vibration and dust compared to other demolition techniques. Some demolition equipment will be used which is already on site, and no explosives are permitted. The team will be working on one structure at a time rather than all of the buildings at once in order to limit the impact on surrounding areas. The buildings will be removed from east to west. Testing and material salvaging has begun, and demolition will begin on February 9th and last approximately 16-20 weeks.

The work associated with the Hopewell South Demolition Project is scheduled to occur between the hours of 7:00am and 5:30pm, Monday through Friday, and will adhere to the Bloomington noise ordinance.

Only the existing structures are being removed as part of this project as noted on the graphic above. All asphalt paving, concrete pads and walks will remain for the time being. All surfaces will be appropriately graded to prevent drainage issues and prepare for future work. Any necessary abatement will take place by certified contractors.

The City of Bloomington has worked closely with our demolition contractor, Renascent, to plan and implement the Hopewell South Demolition Project after also completing several recent demolition projects in the surrounding area, including the IUH Legacy Hospital site. As with all their projects, Renascent is working closely with the City of Bloomington to ensure the safety of our neighboring communities and businesses. Temporary construction fencing has already been installed to ensure safety during the demolition work.

Construction traffic will come and go from West 1st Street rather than other streets to minimize disruption to the neighborhood. No lane closures are currently planned, but future notifications will be posted if this changes.

The Renascent site contact for this work is Anthony Larsen. Mr. Larsen can be reached at 317-457-0969 for the duration of this project. The Project Manager working on behalf of the City is Desma Belsaas with J.S. Held. Ms. Belsaas can be reached at 317-981-7257 if project concerns arise.

We apologize for any inconvenience this work may cause and we look forward to working with you to create a Better Blueprint for Bloomington!