



# RWQ005 - COOPER AVENUE RETAINING WALL

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
DESIGN + CONSTRUCTION  
New York City Department of Design and Construction  
30-30 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101

Mayor Michael Bloomberg  
Commissioner David J. Burney, FAIA

**Borough:** Queens  
**Project Description:** Reconstruction of Cooper Retaining Wall  
**Project ID:** RWQ005  
**Project Status:** Construction  
**Project Start:** Fall 2011  
**Project Completion:** Summer 2013  
**Project Cost:** \$5,712,130.00



A Capital Construction Project administered by the New York City Department of Design and Construction is under construction in your community. We are committed to maintaining a work site that is safe and orderly. Dust, noise and heavy equipment are intrusive but common elements of construction. We are working to minimize the inconvenience, and appreciate your patience.

### Work to be performed

1. Rehabilitation of Retaining Wall.
2. Storm Sewer.
3. Curb.
4. Catch Basins.
5. Sidewalk.
6. Pavement Resurfacing.
7. Street Lighting.
8. Traffic Lights.

### Location

This project will take place at the following locations:

- Cooper Ave. between 73<sup>rd</sup> Place and 79<sup>th</sup> Place.

### Work Hours

Typical working hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays, Monday thru Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 P.M. Sunday

### What to Expect

We have planned this construction to occur in stages to minimize disruption and inconvenience to residents, pedestrians, and drivers. Some restrictions will be necessary, however, to complete the work.

### Please take note of the following

- **Street Access** Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.
- **Vehicular** access may need to be temporarily restricted, generally during work hours.
- **Signs** will be posted informing residents of necessary street closures and/or limited access.
- **Parking** may be temporarily restricted where necessary to allow construction to proceed. Signs will be posted indicating the temporary restrictions.
- **Driveway** access may be temporarily restricted in order to perform certain work.
- **Public Transportation** Some bus stops and/or bus routes may be moved or changed during the course of this construction. Signs and directions will be posted showing the new stops and/or routes.

You will receive notification of the above restrictions from the project staff.

### Special Needs

Individuals with special needs who may be uniquely impacted by this project should contact the project's Resident Engineer, Community/Business Liaison, or Engineer-In-Charge as soon as possible, to make them aware of your situation. We will work with you to attempt to minimize the inconvenience as much as possible.

Note: Information provided on DDC Community Brochures is subject to change, as new information will become available. Please visit DDC Community Brochure site for updates.



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## Sidewalk Violation Notices

Prior to sidewalk installation, the NYC Department of Transportation will inspect your sidewalk. If a violation exists, a sidewalk violation notice will be issued to you. Included with this violation notice will be a Preliminary Inspection Report (PIR) indicating the square footage you will be assessed for. Your sidewalk will be installed in no less than 45 days. During this 45-day period, you may request a reinspection by DOT that may result in a revised PIR. When the sidewalk is installed DDC will notify the NYC Department of Finance to assess you for the work completed in accordance with the final PIR. For more details, please contact our Community Construction Liaison or visit the NYC DOT website at [www.nyc.gov/dot](http://www.nyc.gov/dot).

## Property Damage Concerns

Under the terms of the contract, the Contractor is responsible for the repair of any proven property damage and restoration of the construction area, including sidewalks and curbs, to at least the condition that existed prior to the start of construction.

As a protection for the City of New York and the property owners along the route of the construction, pre-construction pictures are taken. The contract requires the Contractor to maintain property damage and liability insurance coverage until the completion of all work.

You are advised to inform the Contractor and the Resident Engineer in the first instance of any property damage claim you may have, and if the Contractor fails to respond within 10 days, you should inform the DDC Borough Director in writing.

### Important

If you believe the city is responsible or if you wish to file a claim with the city you must do so within 90 days of the occurrence with the New York City Comptroller's Office. For information please contact the Construction Community Liaison or Resident Engineer.

## Some Water Interruptions

During the course of this project, you may experience water service disruptions. Water may be discolored by sediment that has built up in the older pipes, including the service connection to the internal pipes in your own building. Even if no construction is performed in front of your building the process of shutting down the old pipes can result in discoloration. If this occurs, run ONLY COLD WATER until it appears clear. If it will be necessary for us to turn off your water service, you will receive written notice informing you by the afternoon of the day before service interruption. We suggest you store drinking water to have available in your home or business for the period that water service is suspended. Water service is always restored at the end of the workday. Be sure to turn off any open valves or faucets to prevent flooding when water service is restored.

### Note

If your water service is NOT restored by 6:00 pm, unless the shutoff notice gives special information regarding non-standard hours (e.g. overnight work), **please call the 311 Service Center available 24 hours a day.**

## Contact Information

**DDC Hotline 311**

**Community Construction Liaison**

**DDC Resident Engineer**

**DDC Engineer In Charge**

Steven Bonura

**DDC Borough Construction Office**

**Director:** Patrick Larkin, P.E.

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**Director:** Maria Centeno