LOIS - Crane Hard to Miss

Taller than a ten story office building when fully extended, the large blue crane at the edge of Oswego Lake is sure to catch your attention.

The giant crane will be hard at work near the Lake Corporation offices for the next eight months. It will assemble a 15,000 square foot work platform for LOIS construction. Then the crane will be used to unload 50 foot sewer pipe sections from trucks. The pipe will be fused together into 1,200 to 1,500 foot sections. These spans of pipe will be towed to locations in the lake for temporary storage before they are sunk at the proper location along the sewer interceptor alignment.

During the “Lake Down” phase of the project, the construction team will install the pipe sections by hoisting them on pile supports in shallower areas of the lake, or attaching them to anchors, where the pipe will be buoyant.

Watch for traffic flaggers along McVey between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, as trucks unload materials at the McVey staging area.

Starting in September, installation will begin for the piles (supports) for the shallow water segments of the pipeline. This will occur in the west end of the lake and at near-shore locations. The largest crane, now at the McVey site, will be put on a barge and will position the piles and ready them for installation using a vibratory hammer. This piece of equipment produces less noise than a pile driver, which will only be used when work crews encounter a boulder.

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