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Jefferson Avenue Tree Removal

The Sewerage and Water Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are announcing that beginning April 1, 2013, crews will begin clearing trees and shrubs from Jefferson Avenue in Uptown New Orleans.

This pre-construction activity of tree and shrub removal will last approximately two weeks and is part of the SELA Jefferson Avenue Phase II project that is scheduled to begin next month. A licensed arborist will remove from the neutral ground area all trees and shrubs on Jefferson Avenue between Danneel and Magazine streets.

The Corps awarded a 38-month contract for \$44.8 million to Cajun Constructors, Inc. to construct a 3,700 feet underground drainage canal along Jefferson Avenue between Dryades and Constance streets and a 1,300 feet underground canal on Prytania Street between Jefferson Avenue and Nashville Avenue.

The construction is expected to decrease the risk of damages from a 10-year rainfall event, which is a rainstorm that has a 10 percent chance of happening in a year and deposits about 9 inches of rain over a 24-hour period.

The contract for this portion of the SELA project includes a traffic-control plan that will ensure most traffic will be maintained on Jefferson Avenue, with southbound traffic being detoured to Nashville Avenue. All traffic will be detoured from Prytania Street during construction of the underground canals.

The Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will work with the city of New Orleans and residents on restoring the landscape in 2016 after the project is complete.

