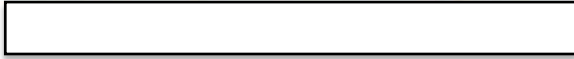


# Jefferson-Chalmers WATER Project

## Water Access, Technology, Education & Recreation

Keep Sewage out of Basements & Canals • Keep Stormwater out of the System • Keep Great Lakes out of the Neighborhood



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The City of Detroit has appropriated \$20 million to investigate periodically closing canals in the Jefferson Chalmers community. The closures could have significant adverse effects on our community's environment, economy, and way of life.

In response to resounding public outcry against closing the canals, the City relented in a public statement asserting that they would no longer pursue the canal closure plans. However, the City is once again considering canal closures.

The Army Corps of Engineers performed a study which concluded that the City's goal to reduce flood risk could be accomplished by improving the shorelines along the canals. We call on the City to use the appropriated \$20 million to improve the shorelines, not close the canals.

We urge City officials to work collaboratively with environmental experts, community leaders and residents to develop a well-rounded plan that respects both ecological and economic priorities.

The Jefferson Chalmers Water Project is sponsoring a demonstration to give the community a chance to let the City know about our opposition to any closures of the canals. The community is invited to join us for our Flotilla demonstration on June 13, 2026 2-4pm at Riverfront Lakewood Park East. For more details and to sign up, click the Demonstration tab.