



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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The Broad Creek Wastewater Pumping Station (WWPS) Augmentation Project is a consent decree project. This project provides for construction of modifications to the Broad Creek Wastewater Pumping Station (WWPS), a new force main/gravity sewer/pressure sewer from the Broad Creek WWPS to the Piscataway Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), and new storage and headwork improvements at the Piscataway WWTP. The design for this project has been substantially completed since November 2011. All required permits for the project have been approved except for an access agreement with the National Park Service. There are four construction contracts associated with this project. Please see projects status below:

1. Piscataway Wastewater Treatment Plant Storage and Headworks Improvements – CD4231D05.

Construction is ongoing on this contract. The substantial completion date is May 18, 2016.



Headworks Facility Construction



Storage Facility Construction – Base slab

2. Conveyance System (Southern Portion) – CT4231E05.

A community meeting on the Conveyance System (Southern Portion) Contract is scheduled for October 7 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Harmony Hall Regional Center in the Multi-purpose Room. The address is 10701 Livingston Road, Ft. Washington, MD 20744.

Bids were opened for this Contract on August 14, 2014. This contract was awarded by the Commission on September 17, 2014 to Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc. Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be in October 2014. The estimated construction completion date is October 2017.

3. Conveyance System (Northern Portion) – CT4231F05.

This contract requires the approval of an Environmental Assessment Study by the National Park Service (NPS) which will lead to an access agreement. The Environmental Assessment Study was submitted in July 2012 and resubmitted in December 2012. The public notice period by the National Park Service began on April 5, 2013 and concluded on May 6, 2013. The NPS is reviewing the “Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI)” draft document resubmitted by WSSC on March 27, 2013. WSSC continues to work with the NPS to obtain approval of the FONSI document. The NPS requested clarification on WSSC alignment on August 7, 2013 and WSSC responded on August 13, 2013. NPS has been an active participant on the Broad Creek project since 2009; however, in a meeting between WSSC and NPS on November 8, 2013, four years into the project, NPS advised WSSC that NPS will not allow the proposed alignment to move forward. On December 5, 2013, WSSC and NPS met with Staff from US Senator Cardin’s Office and Staff from US Congressman Hoyer’s Offices. It was agreed that WSSC would provide all existing project documents relating to the proposed pipeline alignment on NPS property for NPS’s review and evaluation. WSSC provided all of the information requested by NPS as of December 24, 2013. On February 6, 2014, WSSC met with NPS and NPS indicated that they will approve the FONSI and allow the proposed alignment to move forward if an access agreement which mitigates the pipeline impacts to their property can be reached. On February 14, 2014, NPS agreed to work on a land exchange agreement with WSSC and subsequently approve the FONSI Document. Access to NPS property for WSSC to begin construction will be part of the land exchange agreement. NPS agreed to send a draft copy of the agreement to WSSC for review and approval by the end of July 2014. At this point, no agreement has been received from NPS. Recent communications with NPS indicated the agreement will be sent to WSSC for review by October 3, 2014. WSSC continues to engage NPS, however, at this point, it is not certain that this agreement will be reached and the FONSI Document approved. The estimated construction time for this contract is 36 months from date of award.

4. Broad Creek WWPS Architectural/Electrical/Mechanical Rehabilitation – CP4231G05

This contract is dependent on the approval of an Environmental Assessment Study, FONSI document, and access agreement by the National Park Service (NPS) as described above. The estimated construction time for this contract is 24 months from date of award.

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