



## **Quince Orchard Valley Neighborhood Park Sewer Replacement Project**

### **Questions and Answers**

#### **What is the Scope of the Work taking place in Quince Orchard Valley Neighborhood Park?**

- The scope of work to be performed at this site consists of the repair, rehabilitation or replacement of 1,509 Liner Feet (0.29 miles) of defective sewer mains, and five (5) manholes. The process used here requires little or no digging or open trenches. It reinforces the interior of the pipe by lining and coating the existing walls. The result will be a pipe that will last another 50 to 100 years.
- In addition to WSSC's work, M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks will also be using the Suffolk Terrace access path to remove an old tennis court located in the park.

#### **Why is the project necessary?**

- The overall goal is to improve the condition of the sewer system and surface water quality. This Sewer Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation (SR3) project is a part of the Consent Decree between WSSC, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and several environmental groups. A consent decree is a negotiated settlement that is approved by the Court. Once approved, it becomes a mandatory order that must be followed. The EPA enforces this Consent Decree through MDE. This Consent Decree is an environmental project to improve water quality throughout the area including the Chesapeake Bay.

#### **Will I lose sewer service?**

- No. A temporary sewer bypass line will be put in place.

#### **Will my drinking water be affected?**

- No. Drinking water is an entirely separate system and will not be affected.

#### **When will construction start on this project?**

- Construction will start on Monday, March 14, 2016. WSSC will send out an additional notice 24 hours to the surrounding community prior to the start of any construction.

#### **How long will this project take?**

- This project should take approximately 6-9 months to complete, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather (snow, heavy rain or freezing temperatures), the projected completion date may be delayed.

#### **How will WSSC access the sewer line and manholes?**

- WSSC will build a 20 foot wide access path on Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) land (no private property will be affected) to allow equipment to travel from Suffolk Terrace to the construction site.

#### **Was an environmental review conducted?**

- Yes, an environmental review was conducted by several agencies including the Army Corps of Engineers, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife and Heritage section. WSSC obtained all necessary environmental and wetlands permits.

#### **Was a Federal Environmental Impact Study conducted?**

- No. It is not required.

**Why did WSSC decide on Suffolk Terrace for access?**

- WSSC, along with M-NCPPC, did extensive research on the best possible route to access the construction site. It was determined that the entrance from Suffolk Terrace is a shorter distance and will have less environmental and community impact than other potential sites.

**Did WSSC consider alternative access routes?**

- Yes, WSSC staff concluded that an alternative route from Sioux Lane through the Pepco Right of Way is not desirable. The distance to the worksite is much longer and the access road is very narrow. There would be a greater impact on the environment, including the loss of more trees. The power lines would be dangerous to workers because some of the equipment is tall and the terrain is steep. There are also schools near the Sioux Lane entrance. In addition, a second access point from Bradbury Drive was considered; however, that path was no longer feasible. This plan is the “original” plan, and has the least amount of impact out of all existing options.

**How many trees does WSSC plan to remove? Is there a restoration plan in place?**

- There will be approximately sixty (60) trees removed for this project and upon its completion all of those trees will be replaced by WSSC. This will be part of the restoration process at the conclusion of the project.
- None of the trees that are being removed have a diameter of greater than 30 inches (large specimen). The average diameter for the trees being removed is 6.6 inches.

**What is WSSC’s plan to accommodate and keep school children safe who use the walkway to get to school on a regular basis?**

- In an effort to cause the least amount of disruption and ease safety concerns, WSSC will construct a 4-foot pedestrian walkway along the entrance to the park, which will include a fence and signage.
- The contractor, Ross Construction, is very experienced in these projects. They will work around school start times and limit work during times children are going to and from school.
- There will be no work on nights or weekends.
- All workers, whether working for WSSC or the contractor, will have uniforms and photo IDs, and all vehicles will be marked.

**What is the size of the construction vehicles that will travel through Suffolk Terrace?**

- During construction of the roadway, a “low-boy” 18-wheeler, which is like a flatbed will be used.
- During the actual sewer work, vehicles approximately the size of a garbage truck will be used.
- There will not be a vehicle staging area on Suffolk Terrace or the surrounding streets.

**The impact and disturbance seems less than what was on earlier plans. Why is that?**

- As a result of field engineering by WSSC and Parks, adjustments to the original plans were made and the impacts have been greatly reduced.

**What happens if there is damage to Suffolk Terrace or the surrounding streets as a result of this project?**

- As a result of the size of the vehicles, there should be little to no damage to the streets. In the case that there is any damage, WSSC will be responsible for completely restoring the area, in line with best practices.

**Who do neighbors contact if they are questions or problems with workers?**

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