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## RE: Takoma Park Water and Sewer Main Rehabilitation, Phase 2, Summer 2020 Update

Dear Property Owner,

WSSC appreciates your continued patience regarding the water and sewer rehabilitation project in your neighborhood. In an effort to keep you informed, we are providing this update for Phase 2 of the Takoma Park Water and Sewer Main Rehabilitation project. The addresses included in Phase 2 are: 6617-6761 Eastern Avenue, 55 and 57 Walnut Ave, 105 1st Avenue, 6702, 6704, 6710, 6800, 6802, and 6814 Westmoreland Avenue.

## Project Update

WSSC is currently working with the property owners to obtain the remaining signatures for the temporary and permanent easement documents. We plan to complete the easement approval process by end of summer 2020, so your timely review and approval of the document would assist the project team in completing the project as scheduled. Your signature on the documents will be for providing WSSC with temporary and/or permanent easements on your property, which will be needed for the project construction as well as future WSSC maintenance and operational work.

After all easement documents are signed by the appropriate property owners, we will begin finalizing the project design. We estimate this will take six months. During this time, you will see the design team accompanied by a WSSC representative within the easements and public right of ways collecting additional information through geotechnical soil borings, surveys, photographs, measurements, and shallow excavations to locate buried water meters, sewer cleanouts, and property corners. The only use of large equipment you may notice during the design phase is a medium size truck to drill geotechnical soil borings. Minimal removal of vegetation may be needed to facilitate collection of the design information. All disturbed ground and vegetation will be restored in kind after the work is completed at no cost to the property owners.

When the design phase has been completed, WSSC will begin the contractor selection process, which typically requires four to six months. Once a construction contractor has been selected the project will proceed to construction. Construction is anticipated to take approximately 18 months.

Regarding Phase 1 of this project, the construction team has substantially completed installation of new water and sewer mains. Tree planting and final site restoration is currently underway. Phase 1 includes: 6601-6613 Eastern Avenue, Eastern Avenue from Kansas Lane to 5th Avenue, and 6404 Westmoreland Avenue.

WSSC will continue to provide you with regular updates throughout each phase of the project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or WSSC's Customer Advocate, Brandon Stewart.

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- For project background information and updates, visit <u>wsscwater.com/eastern</u>.

Thank you!

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