



# Pipeline

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## AHEAD OF THE CURVE IN THE QUEST TO BE WORLD CLASS

A recent repair on a 66-inch sewer main is another step toward WSSC becoming a world class provider of water and wastewater services. WSSC became the first in the region to install SPR, spiral wound PVC pipeline renewal technology. We recently lined 800-feet of a sewer main in Hyattsville with SPR. A winding machine pulls the strips of plastic inside the pipe and locks them in place. It creates a "pipe" inside a pipe.



Not only is the SPR technology incredibly strong, it also

provides a corrosion barrier for the pipe and extends its lifespan to 100-years. Utilities from as far away as Seattle visited our job site for a glimpse of the cutting edge repair. To see a video of the SPR technology and WSSC at work videos, follow this link:  
<http://www.wsscwater.com/info/VideoFiles/Index.cfm>

## PROPOSED NINE PERCENT RATE INCREASE UNDER REVIEW

The Commissioners of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) transmitted to the Montgomery and Prince George's County Executives the proposed capital and operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2010 that include a 9 percent rate increase. The rate increase will add approximately \$4.47 per month to the average residential customer's bill.

The \$929.3 million proposal includes money to help pay for escalating prices of operational necessities, such as power, chemicals and materials. The budget also provides funding for proactive inspection and repair of WSSC's aging infrastructure. The funding will pay for the replacement of 31 miles of water mains, the replacement and refurbishment of 42 miles of sewer mains and 10 miles of sewer main laterals in the coming fiscal year. WSSC is continuing to work with stakeholders in both counties to develop a long-term solution to meet WSSC's infrastructure needs.

The Montgomery and Prince George's County Councils will vote on the budget proposal in May. The Commissioners will then vote on the new rates that would take effect July 1, 2009.



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WSSC provides water  
and wastewater services  
to Montgomery and  
Prince George's counties.

We are entrusted by  
our community to  
provide safe and  
reliable water, life's  
most precious resource,  
and return clean water  
to our environment, all  
in an ethically and  
financially responsible  
manner.



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## IT'S SPRINGTIME AT WSSC



It's that time again ...the days are getting longer, the birds are singing and, in addition to providing the community with clean water, WSSC offers its customers and the broader community many outdoor recreational opportunities.

WSSC opened most of its recreation areas on March 1 for picnicking, boating, fishing and horseback riding. Some boat ramps may not open due to low water levels. The recreation areas are open from sunrise to sunset. Seasonal fishing permits are \$60, daily permits are \$5 and boat mooring permits are \$75. Permits are required for persons 16 to 64 years of age.

The recreation areas include:

**Brighton Dam** – From mid-April to early June, the Azalea Garden flourishes. There is a covered picnic area and shore fishing (Maryland fishing license required for those 16 years of age and older).

**Greenbridge Fishing Area** – a boat ramp and shore fishing (by permit only).

**Triadelphia Picnic and Fishing Area** – picnic area is open and shore fishing (by permit only) is allowed. The boat ramp will open depending on the water level.

**Pigtail Branch, Big Branch and Brown's Bridge** – Please call Brighton Dam for detailed information.

**Supplee Lane Recreation Area** - a boat ramp and shore fishing (by permit only) and a picnic area.

**Scott's Cove** – shore fishing (by permit only), a picnic area and boat ramp.

For questions regarding all areas and information on permits and activity fees, call the Brighton Dam Visitor's Center at (301) 774-9124.

## \$1,000 ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

The WSSC Commissioners are once again offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a college student majoring in engineering. To qualify, students must attend a Maryland university/college, have a permanent home address in Prince George's or Montgomery County, be enrolled in an engineering degree program that leads at a minimum to a Bachelor of Science in Engineering or an advanced degree in engineering. Past winners are also eligible to compete.

A copy of your official transcript is required along with a cover letter, proof of permanent residency, two references and a 400-to-1000 word essay on any topic of importance to engineering, wastewater/water engineering, or the role of a water utility in the 21st century. The scholarship winner may also be offered a paid summer internship.

Send applications to Charlett Bundy, Esq., Corporate Secretary, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707, or email [cbundy@wsscwater.com](mailto:cbundy@wsscwater.com). Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2009. For more information, go to the WSSC web site, [www.wsscwater.com](http://www.wsscwater.com).

## CONTRIBUTE TO THE WATER FUND



The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Water Fund, administered by the Salvation Army in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, helps customers in need pay their water/sewer bills. The maximum that any customer may receive is one yearly award of \$300 or less. The Water Fund is maintained through your generous contributions and fund-raising activities conducted by WSSC employees. It's easy to contribute and make a difference. Just add your donation to your WSSC payment and note it on the appropriate box on the portion of the bill you return with the payment.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CUSTOMER ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)

For more information contact Kim Knox at 301/206-8233 or [kknox@wsscwater.com](mailto:kknox@wsscwater.com).

## Commissioner's Corner

As we approach the end of our 90th anniversary year, we are pleased to report that WSSC continues to meet and exceed all state and federal guidelines for safe drinking water. You can read about our water quality in the 2008 Water Quality Report that is distributed in late April as an insert in the Gazette newspapers in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. It will also be available on our website: [www.wsscwater.com](http://www.wsscwater.com). A Spanish language edition of the report will be distributed by the El Tiempo newspaper.

While we are proud of our record of delivering high quality drinking water and returning clean water to our environment in an ethically and financially responsible manner, we continue to face challenges as our aging infrastructure continues to fail at an alarming rate.

We will continue to work with officials from both counties to explore how we can create a sustainable long-term funding plan to replace our aging infrastructure at a faster pace.

—Joyce Starks, *Chair*, WSSC