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## RE: Takoma Park Water and Sewer Main Rehabilitation, Fall 2021 Update

Dear Property Owner,

WSSC Water appreciates your continued patience while we work to rehabilitate water and sewer systems associated with the Takoma Park Water and Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project. We understand the inconvenience these rehabilitation efforts have caused and would like to provide with you an update regarding the project.

## **Project Overview and Update**

WSSC Water is replacing/relocating approximately 2,500 feet of small diameter water mains and 2,000 feet of sewer mains in your neighborhood. The purpose of this realignment project is to improve water and sewer service to your community, as well as provide enhanced fire protection. Our primary project goals are:

- To ensure continued delivery of safe and reliable service to the community;
- To replace failing water and sewer mains that were installed in the 1930s or earlier;
- To replace laterals for individual service connections; and
- To assist and support customers to achieve the recommended alignment solution for their home service.

The project has been divided into three different phases to minimize impact on the neighborhood:

## Phase 1 Update

The addresses included in Phase 1 are: 6601-6613 Eastern Avenue, Eastern Avenue from Kansas Lane to 5th Avenue, and 6404 Westmoreland Avenue.

Construction for the phase was completed on March 13, 2020.

#### Phase 2 Update

The addresses included in Phase 2 are: 6617-6701 Eastern Avenue, 105 1st Avenue, 6702, 6704, 6710, 6800, 6802, and 6814 Westmoreland Avenue (refer to enclosed project map).

WSSC Water has obtained all necessary signed easement documents from property owners and we are in the design for Phase 2.

Estimated Schedule:

Design completion: October 2021 Construction start: Spring 2022 Construction complete: Spring 2023

As we get closer to construction, we plan to hold a community meeting to provide you and your neighbors with more details. WSSC Water will send the meeting details to the property owners in advance.

#### Phase 3 Update

The addresses included in Phase 3 are: **6705-6761 Eastern Avenue**, **55 and 57 Walnut Avenue** (refer to enclosed project map).

WSSC Water is working directly with the 17 impacted property owners to obtain all the required signed easement documents. Unfortunately, there are a few outstanding requests for easement documents. As a result of the limitations imposed by pending easements, WSSC Water cannot move forward with the design and construction for Phase 3 at this time.

The project team will continue working with the property owners to obtain the remaining signatures for the temporary and permanent easement documents. WSSC Water plans to exercise all available options to complete the easement approval process, so we can move forward with design and construction of Phase 3.

Once all easement documents are signed by the appropriate property owners, we will move forward from the current 30% design completion phase and begin finalizing the project design. We estimate the design process will take six months. During this time, you will see our design consultants along with WSSC Water personnel 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 (in this area) 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 12 months.

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 Water Customer Advocate, Brandon Stewart.

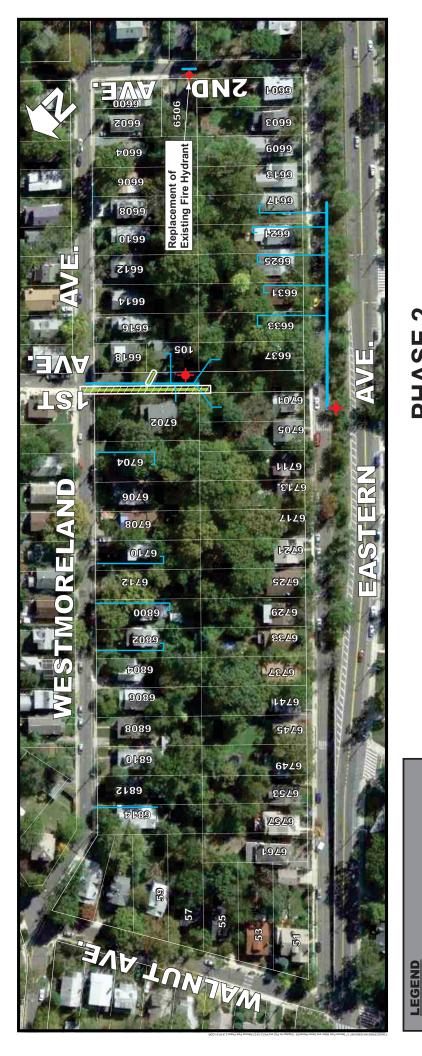
## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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- WSSC Water Customer Advocate: Brandon Stewart, 301-642-1712 or Brandon.Stewart@wsscwater.com
- For project background information and updates, visit wsscwater.com/eastern.

Thank you,

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Bhusan Basnet, Project Manager



# PHASE 2

This is a graphical depiction of the general locations of new facilities. Please view plans for exact locations of new facilities.

**Excavation for Sewer Main Installation** 

Sanitary Sewer Fire Hydrant

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**Excavation for Sewer Lateral Tie-in** 



# PHASE 3

**Excavation for Sewer Lateral Tie-in** 

**Temporary Construction Access** 

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Area of Sewer Main Installation by HDD **Excavation for Sewer Main Installation** 

Sanitary Sewer Fire Hydrant

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