



Urgent Water Main Replacement Projects

Gaithersburg – Ridge Heights Court
Damascus – Grace Court & Tune Avenue

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Project Contacts & Resources

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Project Meetings



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Customer Advocate

The Customer Advocate provides a support interface between both commercial and residential customers, WSSC Water employees, public officials, county agencies, HOAs/civics and other key external stakeholders with the goal of providing exceptional customer service.

Advocates are responsible for educating WSSC Water's external customers on a variety of topics including financial assistance, water conservation and other important commission initiatives.

They also coordinate "on the scene" customer support during emergency events.



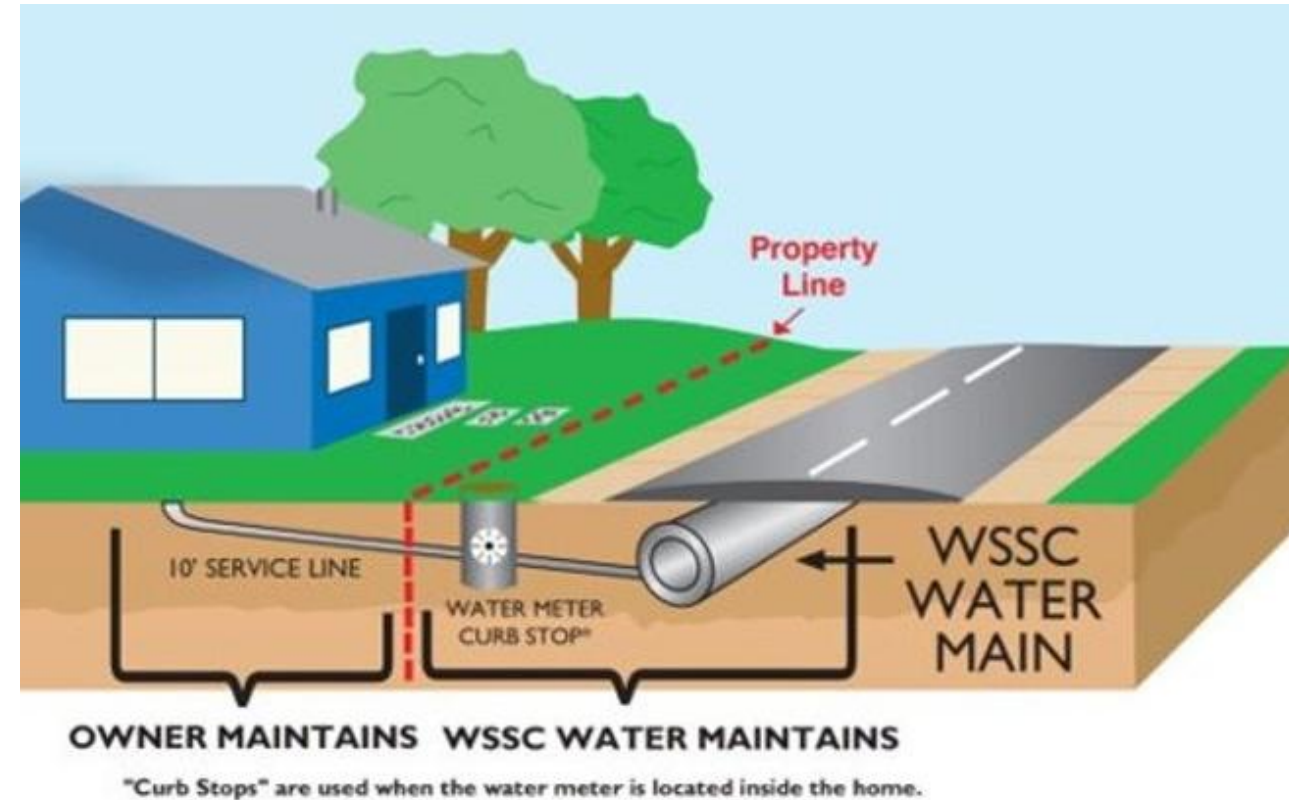
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Project Overview

New watermain will be installed within the roadway

New house connections (service lines) will be installed up to property line or water meter/curb stop

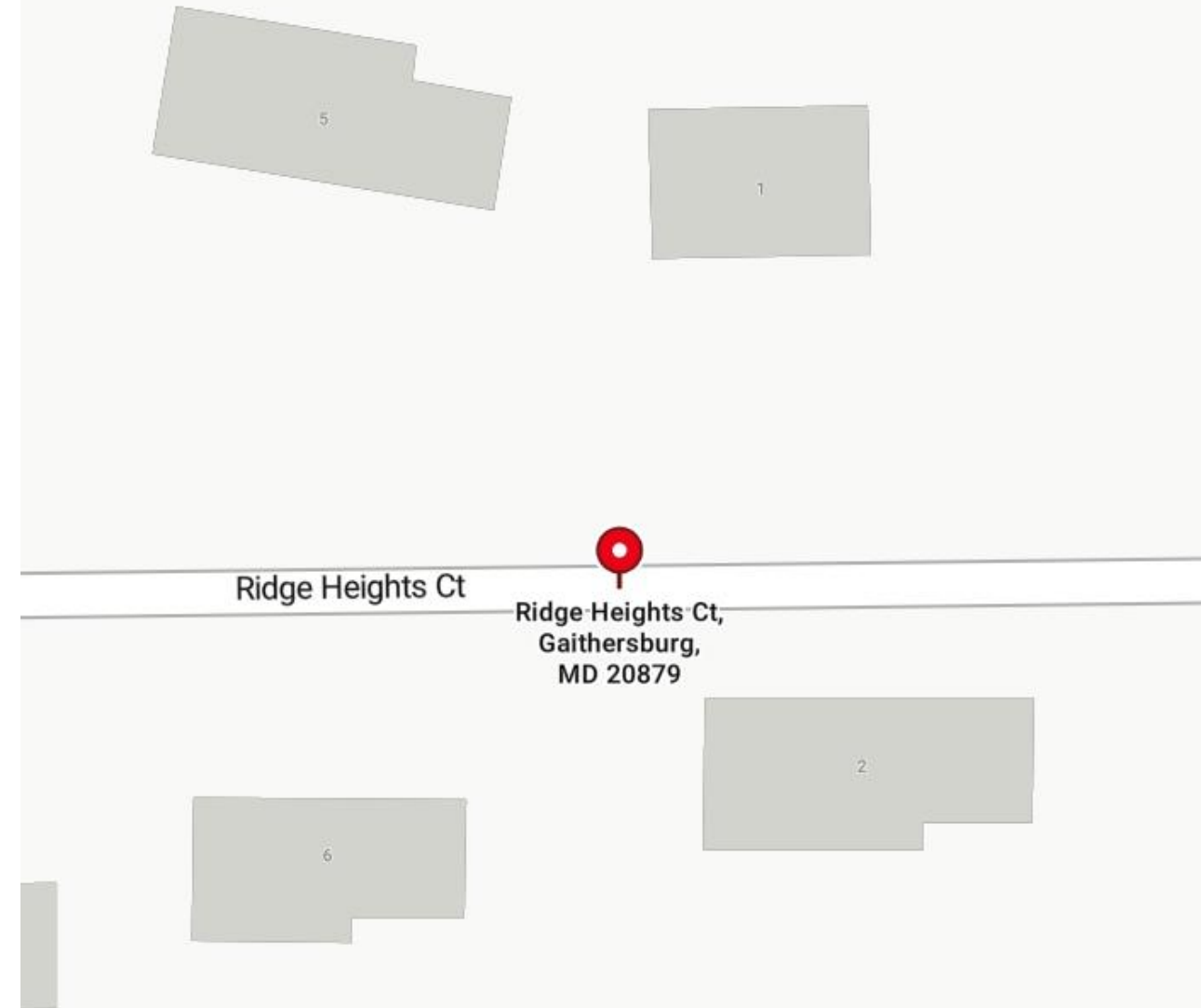
Replacing existing pipes helps reduce disruptions to community, environment and emergency services due to water main breaks



Project Map - Gaithersburg

Directly impacted streets

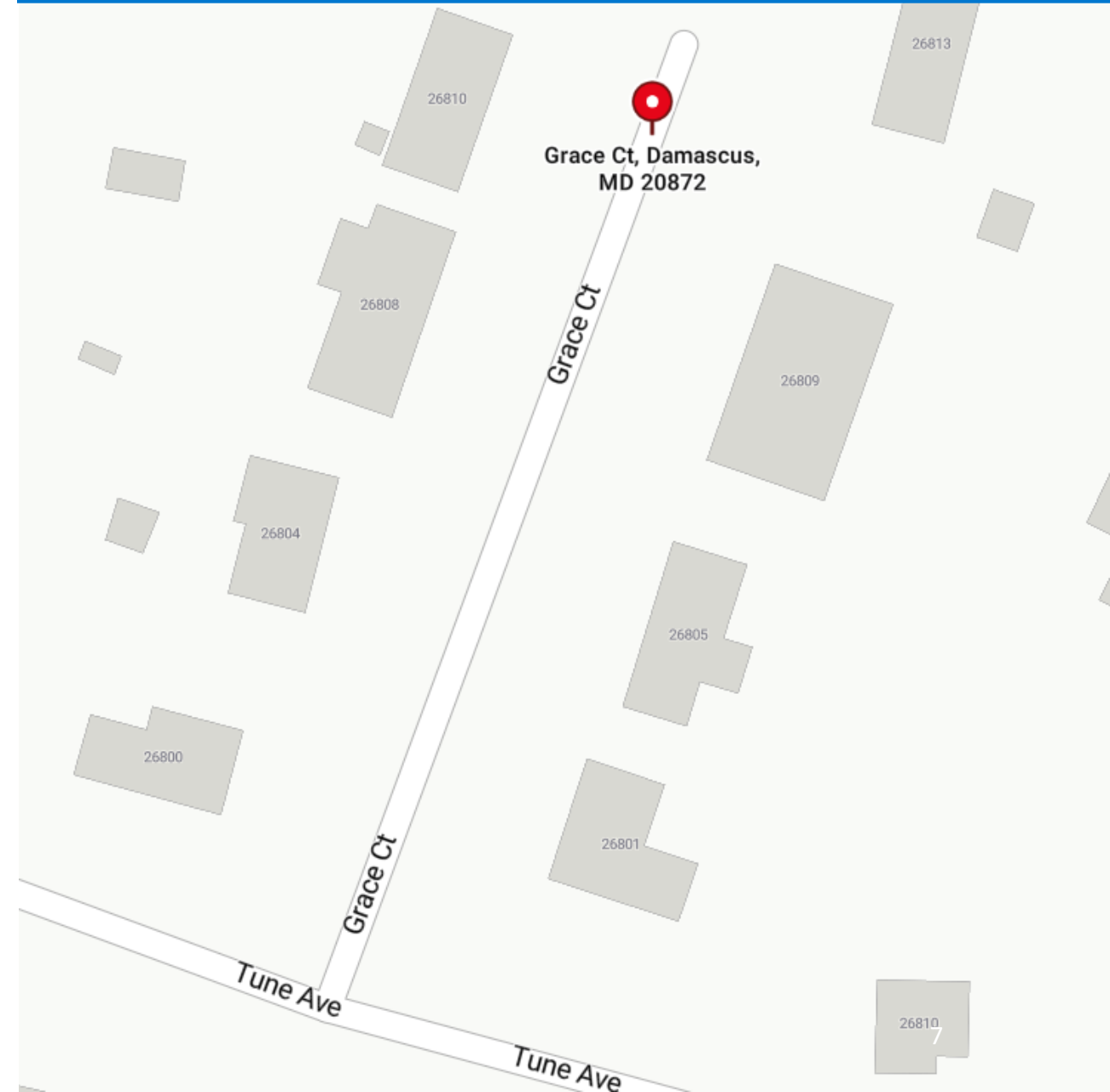
- Ridge Heights Court (entire court)



Project Map - Damascus

Directly impacted streets

- Grace Court (entire court)
- Tune Avenue (entire avenue)



Fire Hydrant Installation

WSSC Water is responsible for providing **water for fire protection** to Montgomery and Prince George's counties

To safeguard public safety, we proactively replace and maintain our fire hydrants to monitor water pressure and flow rate, as well as inspect internal working parts to **ensure the highest level of protection**

Per the Fire Safety Code, the maximum spacing between fire hydrants is **250-600 feet**, depending on the building structure

WSSC Water fire hydrants are made of cast iron materials and **can last more than 50 years**

WSSC Water fire hydrants have dark green top and gray body.



Estimated Construction Schedule

The construction schedule is estimated and weather dependent

* Permit extension may delay the start date

***August 2026**
Anticipated Construction Start

September 2026
Estimated Construction Completion

What to Expect During Construction

Anticipated work schedule: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

- Conditions at some locations may require different work hours
- Residents will be notified at least two days prior to construction activity changes

Construction activities may include:

- Marking locations of utilities
- Field inspections
- Replacement of water mains, and house connections
- Pavement restoration where digging is necessary

WSSC Water coordinates with local and state agencies, as well as other utilities for all planned work to avoid potential conflict and minimize disturbances to neighborhoods



What to Expect During Construction (cont.)

Open-cut construction method, which involves cutting and excavating a section of the pavement

This construction method does create noise and dust



Traffic Impacts

Certain construction activities may require temporary changes to traffic patterns

- Traffic will be managed to minimize community disruptions

Access will be maintained to homes during construction

- Access into homes is **NOT** required
- Access onto private property is generally **NOT** required

Parking restrictions

- WSSC Water will provide 48-hour advance notice (denoted by “No Parking” signs) before any parking restrictions
- Any vehicles not removed from the designated area will be towed to a nearby street at no cost to owner



Signage and Restoration

Construction signs with contact persons will be placed throughout project area

Final restoration of sidewalks, roadways and landscaping will take place within 90 days of construction completion

Final restoration may take place in phases when possible

Projects completed during winter months are permanently paved and restored to their original state or better the following spring



Project Summary

Overview: Existing water mains are near the end of their useful lives

Replacements: WSSC Water is replacing the water mains and water house connections up to the property line

Service: WSSC Water will minimize service disruptions during construction

Coordination: WSSC Water will coordinate work activities with property owners in the project area

Restoration: WSSC Water will restore all areas impacted by construction activities at the end of the project

Objective: WSSC Water's goal is to provide a reliable water system to customers

Helping Our Neighbors: Water Bill Assistance



wsscwater.com/assistance

Promise.

Sign up for an affordable, flexible and interest-free payment plan. **Customers with a past-due balance of \$50 or more are eligible.**

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

CAP assists approved residential customers by **waiving fixed fees**, providing **free annual leak investigations** and **much more**.



Eligible customers can access the Water Fund multiple times, **up to \$500 per year**.

PipeER+

Provides a loan **up to \$10,000** to finance the repair, replacement or diagnostics of sewer or water on-property service line. The WSSC Federal Credit Union administers PipeER.



Contact Us

CNS Customer Notification System

Receive alerts about WSSC Water-related incidents near your home, office, school, or other important addresses.

Register for *text or email* alerts on up to five addresses.

REGISTER AT [WSSCWATER.COM/CNS](https://wsscwater.com/cns)

Customer Notification System (CNS)

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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REPORT A WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCY

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DELIVERING THE ESSENTIAL

Report Water/Sewer Emergency (**Open 24/7**)

Questions?

