



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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The Broad Creek Wastewater Pumping Station (WWPS) Augmentation Project is a consent decree project. This project provides for construction of modifications to the Broad Creek Wastewater Pumping Station (WWPS), a new force main/gravity sewer/pressure sewer from the Broad Creek WWPS to the Piscataway Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), and new storage and headworks improvements at the Piscataway WWTP. The design for this project has been substantially completed since November 2011. All required permits for the project have been approved except for an access agreement with the National Park Service. There are four construction contracts associated with this project. Please see projects status below:

### **1. Piscataway Wastewater Treatment Plant Storage and Headworks Improvements – CD4231D05.**

Construction is ongoing on this contract. The projected substantial completion date is May 18, 2016.



***Headworks Facility Construction***



***Storage Facility Construction – Base slab and walls***

**2. Conveyance System (Southern Portion) – CT4231E05.**

Construction has begun on this contract. The projected substantial completion date is May 30, 2017. This pipeline alignment begins at Swan Creek Road along MD 210(west side) going South and ends at WSSC Piscataway WWTP Plant.



***Tree clearing for pipeline along MD 210 - south of Swan Creek Road***

### **3. Conveyance System (Northern Portion) – CT4231F05.**

This Contract will be presented to the Commission for award in April 2015. It is anticipated that the Notice to Proceed will be in May 2015 and substantial completion in May 2017.

### **4. Broad Creek WWPS Architectural/Electrical/Mechanical Rehabilitation and Tunnel – CP4231G05**

This contract requires the approval of an Environmental Assessment Study by the National Park Service (NPS) which will lead to an access agreement. The Environmental Assessment Study was submitted in July 2012 and resubmitted in December 2012. The public notice period by the National Park Service began on April 5, 2013 and concluded on May 6, 2013. The NPS is processing the "Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI)" document resubmitted by WSSC on March 27, 2013. WSSC continues to work with the NPS to obtain approval of the FONSI document. The NPS requested clarification on WSSC alignment on August 7, 2013 and WSSC responded on August 13, 2013. NPS has been an active participant on the Broad Creek project since 2009; however, in a meeting between WSSC and NPS on November 8, 2013, four years into the project, NPS advised WSSC that NPS will not allow the proposed alignment to move forward. On December 5, 2013, WSSC and NPS met with Staff from US Senator Cardin's Office and Staff from US Congressman Hoyer's Offices. It was agreed that WSSC would provide all existing project documents relating to the proposed pipeline alignment on NPS property for NPS's review and evaluation. WSSC provided all of the information requested by NPS as of December 24, 2013. On February 6, 2014, WSSC met with NPS and NPS indicated that they will approve the FONSI and allow the proposed alignment to move forward if an access agreement which mitigates the pipeline impacts to their property can be reached. On February 14, 2014, NPS agreed to work on a land exchange agreement with WSSC and subsequently approve the FONSI Document. Access to NPS property for WSSC to begin construction will be part of the land exchange agreement. NPS agreed to send a draft copy of the agreement to WSSC for review and approval. The draft agreement was received by WSSC on March 26, 2015 and is being reviewed by WSSC's General Counsel Office. In addition, NPS has indicated that the FONSI has been approved by the National Capitol Parks-East Superintendent and forwarded to the Regional Director for final approval. WSSC has also submitted a Special Use Permit application for review and approval by NPS. The estimated construction time for this contract is 30 months from date of award.

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