



March 16, 2017

Dear WSSC Customers:

This letter serves as an update regarding the Takoma Park Water and Sewer Main Replacement project.

WSSC has identified a designer for the horizontal directional drilling (HDD) construction method for gravity sewer mains. This construction method will be used in the final design of the backyard gravity sewer alignment, which was determined from the March 2016 homeowner alignment vote. We anticipate that this construction method will greatly reduce the impact to trees along the proposed permanent backyard easement.

On February 23, 2017, WSSC representatives, including our General Manager/CEO, met Councilmember Tom Hucker and Mayor Kate Stewart to provide a project update. The meeting was requested thru Councilmember Hucker and Mayor Stewart by residents from Eastern Avenue and from Westmoreland Avenue who expressed concerns about the backyard alignment for sewer mains in the 6600 and 6700 blocks of Eastern Avenue and its impact on the environment. These residents were also in attendance.

At the meeting, WSSC was asked to provide additional information on the impacts of the horizontal directional drilling (HDD) construction method, as well as background data on the feasibility study of the gravity sewer alignment for the front yard.

We are compiling the requested information including home foundation impacts and future maintenance impacts of the front yard gravity sewer alignment by April 24, 2017. In addition, our Plumbing Inspector visited the concerned residents' homes on March 13, 2017 to revisit the plumbing assessment previously completed.

WSSC is committed to keeping you informed on this complex and critical water and sewer replacement project. We look forward to working together to determine the best path forward to complete design and move this project into construction.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Crystal Wheaden, Project Manager, at 301-206 -8818 or Crystal.Wheaden@wsscwater.com.