



August 15, 2016

Re: West Little Pimmit Run Water Main and Storm Sewer Upgrade, and Green Street Projects

Dear Resident,

Arlington County will soon launch a project to upgrade the public water supply main, the storm sewer pipe network, and install two Green Streets within your neighborhood. Construction is scheduled to begin on August 22, 2016 and will last up to 18 months.

### **Water Main Upgrade**

The aging pipeline will be replaced, ensuring efficient water service to neighborhood residents. The existing six-inch drinking water line, built in the early 1950s, will be upgraded to a new eight-inch drinking water line on John Marshall Drive between Williamsburg Boulevard and Little Falls Road. A new drinking water line will be installed on the east side of the John Marshall Drive median. Construction work on the water main will be one of the first items to start. Any resident whose water service will be affected will be notified prior to work starting. Those notices will be sent separately. Because the work will be phased, residents within the construction area will receive notices at different times, depending on the sequence of proposed construction.

### **Storm Sewer Upgrade**

Historical flooding issues on private property prompted the initiation of this project. The existing 48-inch storm sewer pipes will be upgraded to a 54-inch or 60-inch pipe resulting in a total of 1,500 feet of new storm sewer pipe, which will be installed in two segments. This project will connect the two new pipe segments to an existing upgraded segment, which is located between N. Kensington St. and John Marshall Dr. Construction is planned to begin at the cul-de-sac at the end of 33<sup>rd</sup> St. N. Construction will proceed upstream along 33<sup>rd</sup> St. N., towards N. Kensington St., to John Marshall Dr. (at the island) and terminate at N. Nottingham St. The contractor may work along this route at their discretion, depending on the progress of various construction operations.

### **Green Street Projects**

Two rain gardens (also known as "bioretention facilities") will be installed, one at the Kensington and 32<sup>nd</sup> St. N. intersection and one at the intersection of Kensington St with 33<sup>rd</sup> St. N., as a part of the North Kensington Green Street. An additional two rain gardens will be installed in the median of John Marshall Drive between Yorktown Blvd and Williamsburg Blvd as part of the John Marshall Green Street. Work on the rain gardens is not expected to begin until summer 2017. However, site preparation, marking of limits of disturbance, and tree removal associated with construction of these facilities will begin later this month.

### **Next Steps**

- The contractor will document preconstruction conditions within the construction area. Some of that documentation includes video tape documentation of the existing features, facilities and infrastructure. You may notice this work in progress. Test pits at multiple locations within the right-of-way may also be performed. Land surveyors may be establishing control, benchmarks and limits of disturbance throughout the construction area. Sediment and erosion control devices will be installed. Traffic control devices may be installed. Signage will be placed.

- Work is ongoing to relocate gas services along 33<sup>rd</sup> Street North by Washington Gas. This work is anticipated to continue at least through the end of August 2016, and possibly longer. Arlington County does not control the Washington Gas construction crews or schedules.
- Construction mobilization by the County's contractor, Martin and Gass, Inc. will begin August 22, 2016.
- Trees will be flagged in preparation of upcoming meetings between the Arlington County Urban Forester and the construction crews to discuss tree protection and removal within the project area. The contractor will be removing any trees that were marked on the approved plan for removal, as one of the first items of construction. Most residents receiving this letter will not be affected by this. Affected residents will be contacted separately.
- The area of project disturbance will be staked by the contractor. Most of the project area is located within public street right-of-way, but there are a few areas that are located within public easements on private property. Those residents whose private property is affected by this operation will be contacted separately.
- Water main work will begin at Williamsburg Blvd. and John Marshall Dr. and at Little Falls/Yorktown Blvd. and John Marshall Dr.
- After completion of the gas line relocations on 33<sup>rd</sup> St. N., the storm sewer work will begin in the cul-de-sac of 33<sup>rd</sup> St. N.

### **Resident Expectations**

Residents should expect inconveniences such as: dust, mud, noise, debris, a possible reduction in water pressure, short interruptions in water service, temporary sidewalk detours, and temporary traffic and parking restrictions. Contractor crews and subcontractors will be working throughout the area performing their tasks. County project staff will make every effort to minimize the inconvenience to area residents and greatly appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

### **Where to Get the Latest Project Updates**

The County construction manager for this project is:

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Please contact Mr. Robinson if you experience any issues related to this construction project or with the contractor. Mr. Robinson is the only authorized central point of contact for the contractor. Mr. Robinson and the entire project team work very closely together and will make every effort to provide you with the information you require. You may also contact me, Elizabeth Thurber, at 703-228-3363 or [Ethurber@arlingtonva.us](mailto:Ethurber@arlingtonva.us). Questions specific to the water main project can be directed to Amani Eisa. Questions specific to the Green Street components of this project can be directed to Christin Jolicoeur or Anne Guillette. See below for their contact information.

The storm sewer and Green Street projects each have a project webpage that will be updated as new information becomes available throughout the duration of construction.

- John Marshall Green Street – <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/john-marshall-drive-green-street/>
- North Kensington Green Street – <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/north-kensington-green-street/>
- West Little Pimmit Run Storm Sewer Project – <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/west-little-pimmit-run-storm-sewer-upgrade/>

**Background**

Planning for this suite of projects began prior to 2012. After collecting input from the community, final design documents were completed in early 2016. On June 18, 2016, the County Board approved a \$3.5 million contract for the West Little Pimmit Run Storm Sewer Project and associated John Marshall Green Street and North Kensington Green Street projects. The co-located water line upgrade was included with this contract in order to minimize the long-term inconvenience to the neighborhood.

We appreciate your patience as the County conducts this important work. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Robinson or me via telephone or email, as listed below.

Sincerely



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