

## PATUXENT PARK FAQ'S

### 1. What is the purpose of this project and why is it project necessary?

The sewerage collection system within Patuxent Park was constructed by the U.S. Navy in the mid 1940's. The sewers are over 50 years old and in need of rehabilitation and replacement. The water system constructed during that time is also in need of upgrading, to include water mains, valves and fire hydrants. The road network is in poor condition as well, with minimal storm drainage collection being provided, dilapidated concrete curbs, severe cracking of the bituminous asphalt, numerous areas of settlement in the roadways caused by years of repairs to the water/sewer lines (trenches) and a lack of available pedestrian access (sidewalks not available on Princeton Drive and Bunker Hill Drive). The St. Mary's County Government - Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) and the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) have executed the construction contracts for Patuxent Park Revitalization Project, Phase 1. The Project will include the reconstruction of roads, sidewalks, storm drainage, stormwater management and water/sewer lines for Midway Drive (from MD 246 to Bunker Hill Drive), Gambier Place, Princeton Drive and Bunker Hill Drive.

### 2. What type of work is being performed and how much will the project cost?

Water and Sewer construction for Phase 1 consists of the replacement of approximately 2,125 linear feet of water line (including water service connections from the main to the meter) and replacement of approximately 2,950 linear feet of sewer line (including sewer service connections from the main to the clean-out). Also being performed will be 1,050 linear feet of CCTV (video) of the existing sanitary house service lines from the new cleanouts to the building foundations. The purpose of the CCTV is to provide a video record of the existing conditions of the private services that will determine future replacement requirements. The construction contract awarded for water and sewer improvements for Phase 1 was \$516,506. A Project Sign will be located at Bunker Hill Drive on the left hand side as you are headed toward the park. This is a requirement for all projects financially supported by the State of Maryland. The project sign will list costs of the contemplated sewer improvements for Phase 1. These costs will not result in an increase on the sewer and water charges currently being paid by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission customers. The funds necessary to service the debt created by the water and sewer element of this capital project will be obtained via the uniform debt service charge applicable to all Metcom customers receiving service. Funding sources include a grant from The Maryland Department of The Environment for \$200,000.00.

Phase 1 roadway construction will include the reconstruction of concrete curb/gutters, concrete sidewalks, bituminous pavement, and storm drainage pipes. The improvements will include installation of approx. 737 linear feet of reinforced concrete pipe, 19 storm drain inlets/end sections, 3,520 linear feet of new concrete curb/gutter, and 12,180 square feet of concrete sidewalk (4" thickness – 5 feet wide). Also included will be a pedestrian crosswalk (with handicap ramps and signage) near the intersection of Midway Drive, and Bunker Hill Drive, a new sidewalk along the western side of Princeton Road, parallel parking bays along the eastern side of Bunker Hill Drive and a storm water management device (sand filter) on the western side of Bunker Hill Road with landscaping. The construction contract for the Phase 1 roadway improvements was awarded in the amount of \$633,699.

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### 3. Will my water or sewer service be affected as a result of this project?

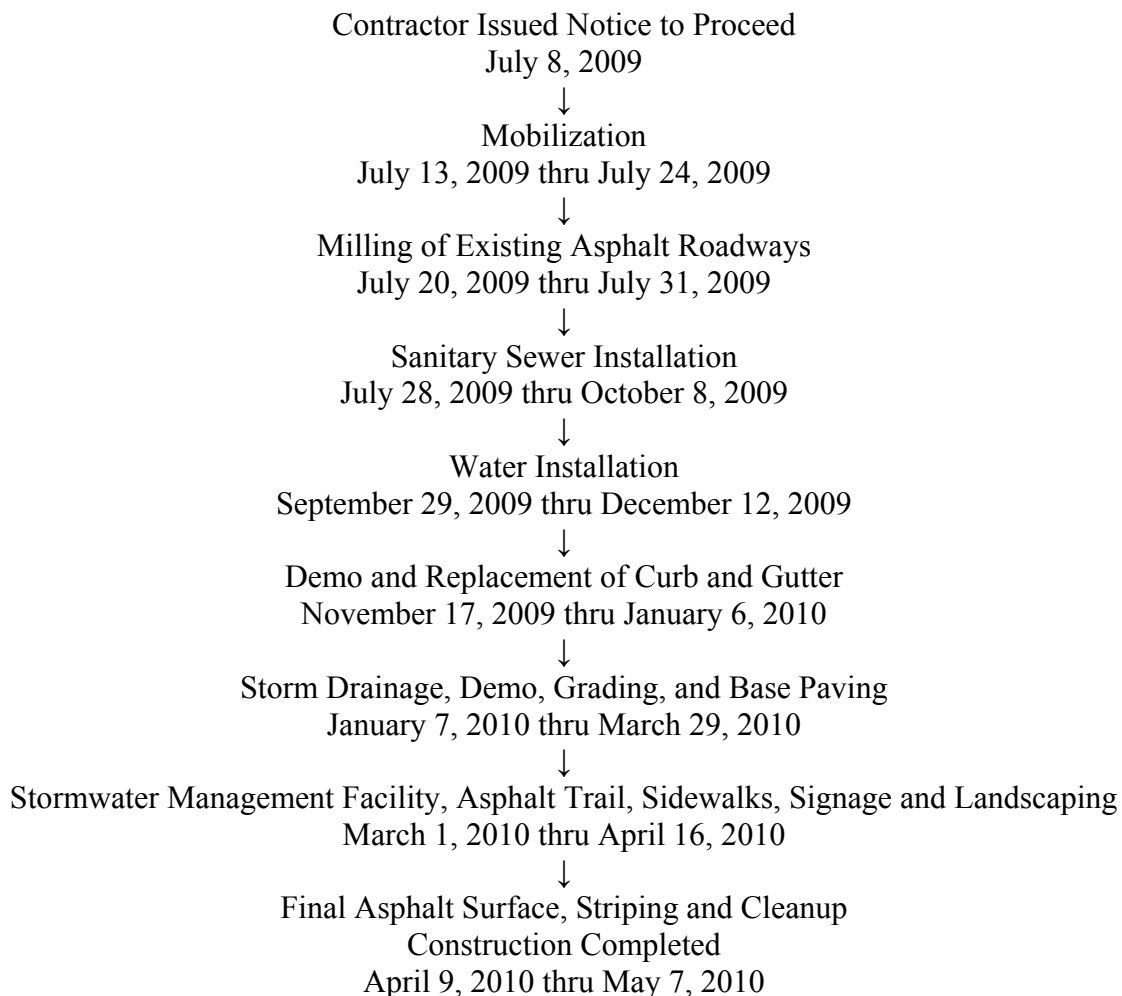
From time to time temporary service interruptions may be needed for the contractor to perform the work required. We may also ask that the residences limit their water usage for short durations. The contractor will use Temporary Bypass Systems to maintain water and sewer services during construction. The objective will be to minimize service interruptions and provide quiet dependable transition to the property owners. Excavations and trenches will not remain open overnight

### 4. How will I be notified about service interruptions?

In the event that we do need to make a shut down we will utilize handouts, mailings, signage, and door tags to advise residents a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the projected duration of the shut down. In the event that we need to make an emergency shut down we will notify residents in the manner that is most appropriate, including going door to door if necessary.

### 5. What is the construction schedule?

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### 6. What are the working hours of the project?

Work hours are from 6 am to 8 pm, Monday thru Saturday for Midway Drive, Princeton Drive, and Gambier Place; and 6 am to 4 pm, Monday thru Friday for Bunker Hill Drive. All work is weather permitting.

### 7. What are the other Phases & how long will they last?

Roadway improvements by the DPW&T will consist of five (5) phases of work to be performed over the next four (4) years. Water and sewer improvements by the St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission will consist of three (3) phases of work to be performed over the next three (3) years.

### 8. What impact will this have to traffic, school bus routes, and my commute?

It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to maintain pedestrian and vehicular traffic safely, adequately and continuously on all portions of existing facilities affected by this Work. In addition to existing facilities undergoing improvement, this also applies to crossroads, approaches, crossovers and entrances affected or made necessary by this Work.

### 9. What impact will construction have on recreational use?

Access to Nicolet Park will be kept open at all times.

### 10. Will parking be affected?

We are requesting that residents assist us by removing parked vehicles from the roadway so that work can be accomplished in a timely fashion and will not delay the contractor from completing work. "No Parking Signs" will be posted 2 days prior to work being performed on affected streets to give everyone time to relocate their vehicles. Vehicles must remain off of the affected streets during the duration of the work in that area. If vehicles are not moved from the roadway, they will be towed. We will work with every resident to inform them of areas scheduled to be constructed to avoid having vehicles towed from the site. We appreciate the resident's cooperation in this matter.

### 11. Where can I park my car if you put up "NO PARKING" signs on my street?

Residents are encouraged to find parking on other side streets. Also, parking will be available at Nicolet Park.

### 12. Are you going to take my property?

Right-of-Entry Agreements were obtained from seven (7) property owners affected by grading or work associated with the project that extended beyond the right-of-way limits.

### 13. Are you going to enter my property?

The Contractor shall not enter upon private property for any purpose without obtaining prior written permission.

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14. Will my yard be disturbed as a result of this project?

The Contractor may have to disturb your yard during construction, but only within the Right of Way.

15. How will disturbed areas be restored after construction?

The Contractor will restore disturbed areas to a condition not inferior to that existing before the disturbance was done, by repairing, rebuilding or replacement.

16. Will street signs and traffic control devices be restored to the locations they were removed from before Construction?

Existing street signs and traffic control devices stored or relocated by the Contractor will be reset by the Contractor after construction in the area is complete.

17. Will it be necessary to move my mailbox?

Mail boxes shall be carefully removed by the Contractor to the extent required to permit construction operations and as directed by the Postal Service. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to temporarily reset mail boxes during construction to maintain service until the boxes are permanently reset in their original locations or at locations designated by the Postal Service. The Contractor shall comply with all Postal Service regulations regarding the location and height of all mail boxes disturbed by his activities.

18. Whose responsibility is it to water my plantings after they have been moved to enable this Construction to take place? What care will be taken to ensure that the plantings are not damaged?

It is the Contractor's responsibility to water all plants until their growth is established. Shrubs, hedges, and other plantings shall be transplanted with sufficient earth to ensure that no damage to their major root system occurs.

19. What about my fence?

The Contractor shall be responsible for the preservation of all public and private property, to include trees, hedges, fences, monuments, pipes, conduits, overhead pole lines and wires, sidewalks, paving and other structures above and below ground, along and adjacent to the Work to be performed, and shall use every precaution, by bracing, supporting and covering as may be necessary or prudent to prevent damage or injury to any structure or planting.

20. Will any trees in construction areas need to be cut down?

21. How will I be able to recognize an official County or MetCom employee who may come to my door to provide information?

County and Metcom Employees will present official identification any time requested. Official identification can be verified by calling the County or Metcom.

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### 22. What safety precautions will you take during construction?

The contractor will be responsible to take all precautions to insure the safety of all pedestrians, vehicles, employees and property. If steel plates are used, "Steel Plate Ahead" signs shall be placed in advance of the area. The contractor will place "Out of Service" disks on any fire hydrants not yet in service. The Inspectors will observe all safety precautions.

### 23. How will I be notified about the project?

Letters were mailed to all property owners within the Patuxent Park Subdivision and door tags were also delivered to the residents (including tenants) directly affected by Phase 1 construction. Also, the newly created newsletter that provides information about activities along the Great Mills Road Corridor called "Great News", by the Community Development Corporation, Inc., included information about Public Information Meetings as well. Gradient Construction, LLC, the St. Mary's County DPW & T, and the St. Mary's County MetCom will prepare this newsletter the first week of every month to keep the residents of Patuxent Park informed about the construction work happening in their community.

A Project Sign will be constructed. This is a requirement for all projects financially supported by the State of Maryland. The project sign will list costs of the contemplated sewer improvements for Phase 1. The sign location will also be used to post construction update information.

### 24. How can I share my views and stay informed about the project and what phone numbers & contact are available?

If you have any questions, please contact the DPW&T Project Manager, Allen Settle, at 301-863-8400, ext. 3525. Or the MetCom Project Manager, Steve Engleson, at 301-373-4733, ext. 307 (7:00am to 4:30pm); or after normal business hours at 240-538-8576 (4:30 pm to 9:00 pm); or Emergency Service at 301-373-5305 (9:00 pm to 7:00 am).

Written questions and/or comments regarding this project, the Public Meeting(s), and other upcoming events should be addressed to:

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