

FAQ'S

PATUXENT PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Prepared by: St. Mary's County DPW&T and St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

1. What is the purpose of this project and why is it 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 utility line trenches and a lack of available pedestrian access. The St. Mary's County Government - Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) and the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) will solicit construction contracts for each phase of the Patuxent Park Revitalization Project. The Project will include the improvements to the water lines, sewer lines, storm drainage infrastructure and devices, sidewalks, and roadways.

2. What types of work are being performed under this project?

Water and Sewer construction consists of the replacement of water mains, fire hydrants, sanitary sewer relining, sewer house connections and sewer cleanouts. The water main on Great Mills Lane was replaced during the Great Mills Road Streetscape Project.

Roadway construction will include the removal and reconstruction of concrete curb/gutters, concrete sidewalks, concrete driveway aprons, bituminous road pavement, storm drainage pipes and storm drainage inlets.

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.

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.

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5. What are the working hours of the project?

Normal working hours are from 7 am to 4 pm, Monday thru Friday. Night working hours, where normal traffic patterns will be altered in main intersections of state roads will be 9 pm to 5 am Sunday thru Thursday night only. All work is weather permitting.

6. What are the Phases of work for the Project?

The MetCom Water and Sewer work has 4 Phases planned and DPW&T Roadway work has 5 phases planned. See the Water and Sewer Phasing Plan and the Roadway Phasing Plan for the exact limits of work for each phase. Phase 1 work has been completed.

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

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Are you going to take my property?

Right-of-Entry Agreements will be requested from property owners affected by grading or work associated with the project that extends beyond the right-of-way limits.

11. 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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12. 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. If work is necessary on your property, a Right-of-Entry Agreement will be requested.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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. Owners will be contacted if fences will need to be removed and replaced.

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

It may be necessary to remove trees and vegetation that may interfere with the construction of the project, in particular, where sidewalks, fire hydrants, and other items are needed to insure safety. These will be handled on an individual basis.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. How will I be notified about the project?

The St. Mary's County DPW&T and the St. Mary's County MetCom will prepare information available on the County website the first week of every month to keep the residents of Patuxent Park informed about the construction work happening in their community.

22. 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 at 301-863-8400, ext. 3525 or the MetCom Project Manager at 301-737-7400, 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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