



Randy E. Hayman, Water Commissioner

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Dear Philadelphia Water Customer:

You are receiving this letter as a first notification that a Water Department construction job is soon to begin in your neighborhood. The blocks listed below are the blocks on which work will soon take place; however, as a neighbor in the same community, we want you to be aware of possible traffic disruptions and delays while this work is ongoing.

This project is part of the overall Green Infrastructure Initiative implemented by City of Philadelphia to improve the stormwater management of your neighborhood. Green stormwater infrastructure includes a range of soil-water-plant systems that intercept storm water, infiltrate a portion of it into the ground, evaporate a portion of it into the air, and in some cases release a portion of it slowly back into the sewer system. Prior to work starting on each of these blocks, residents directly impacted by this work will receive an additional hand delivered letter to their home alerting them that work is soon to begin. This project will be taking place at the following locations:

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>
12th Street	York Street	Cumberland Street	Stormwater Management
Cumberland Street	12th Street	10th Street	Stormwater Management
York Street	12th Street	7th Street	Stormwater Management
11th Street	York Street	Cumberland Street	Stormwater Management
Germantown Avenue	York Street	9th Street	Stormwater Management
8th Street	York Street	Cumberland Street	Stormwater Management
Susquehanna Avenue	Franklin Street	7th Street	Stormwater Management

Contractor: Ramos & Associates Inc.

Date: 12/2/2019 – 3/2/2021

Project Name: #50108 Fotterall Square & Danny Boyle Park

- During normal working hours (7:00am-3:30pm) it may be necessary to close the street
- Trash should be placed at the curb as regularly scheduled
- The Water Department has assigned an engineer and inspector to the project who will be on-site every day
- Our engineer and inspector will ensure that the work proceeds in a safe and workmanlike manner
- Should you experience any problems as a result of the work, please talk with the inspector on the job site who will be wearing clothing identifying him/her as a Water employee
- The inspector will notify you one day in advance of any scheduled water shut-offs, of which several may be required over the course of the project

If you are unable to contact the inspector at the job site, or have any other questions, please contact me at the number listed below between 8:00am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Should an emergency occur, please call the Water Department hotline at (215) 685-6300. Further information about Philadelphia Water Construction can be found at www.phila.gov/water/notifications. Questions can be sent to waterinfo@phila.gov.

Sincerely,
Jim Giffear
Division Engineer
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Fotterall Square Streets & Park Improvements

Green stormwater infrastructure includes a range of soil-water-plant-stone systems that intercept stormwater, infiltrate it into the ground, evaporate a portion of it into the air, and in some cases, release a portion of it slowly back into the sewer system. PWD is installing green stormwater infrastructure throughout Philadelphia.

The infrastructure installed in this location will include underground stone storage, stormwater bumpouts with landscape plantings, a rain garden, and new stormwater piping. This infrastructure will allow for better management of stormwater through soil infiltration and evapotranspiration, in addition to better control of erosion and sedimentation. More advantageous stormwater handling reduces the pollutant loading on Philadelphia's rivers and streams.

The completed project will also provide beautification of the area. New concrete footways and planted areas will provide the community with better aesthetics.

As a part of the sidewalk, curb and street restoration, new ADA-compliant curb ramps and pavements will be installed during this work, improving the safety, functionality and aesthetics along the streets where work is taking place.

Coordination with PECO, PGW, and SEPTA is on-going during the construction. This cooperative approach minimizes inconvenience and potential future service disruptions.



FIGURE 1. Graphic rendering of typical completed PWD facility.

Important Project Facts

Work will be conducted in the area between 12th St to 7th St, and Cumberland Ave to Susquehanna Ave Philadelphia.

Work will be staged to minimize impact to the surrounding neighborhood.

Anticipated start date: January 2020

Anticipated end date: March 2021

Community Benefits

- Social Equity
 - *Green City, Clean Waters* objectives
 - Improved sidewalks and curb ramps
- Economic Gains
 - Reduced maintenance and repair costs
 - Reliable water pipes and sewers to provide uninterrupted service
- Environmental Benefits
 - Reduced water losses with new pipes
 - Fewer sewer back-ups
 - Increased Stormwater resilience
- Leadership
 - Collaboration with SEPTA, PECO, PGW, and Philadelphia Streets Department

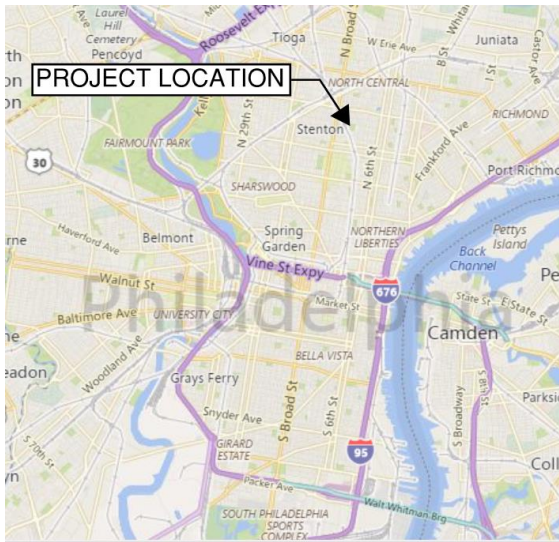


FIGURE 2. Project Location (City view)

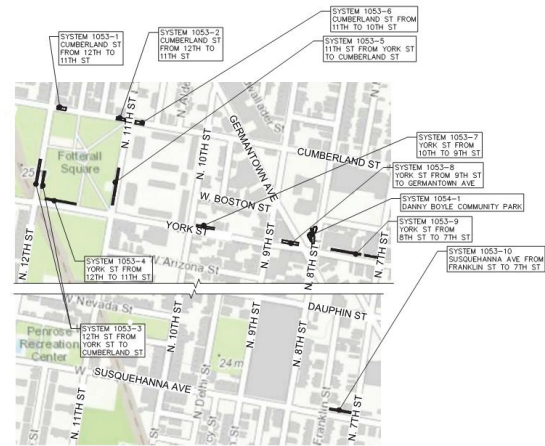


FIGURE 3. Project Location (Street view)

Frequently Asked Questions

With all construction there is a level of inconvenience. PWD is working to minimize construction impacts. Please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions for more information:

Q. Will I lose water service during construction?

A. No. There will be no loss of water service during construction.

Q. How will construction affect traffic, sidewalk access, and parking?

A. Street parking during hours of construction will be restricted. Temporary “No Parking” signs will be installed as needed for safety and construction. Signs will be installed before the start of work indicating the dates and hours that the areas will be closed. Vehicular traffic, pedestrian access, trash collection, and deliveries will be maintained. Any cars left on streets where work is scheduled to take place will be towed to a nearby public street. Project personnel will be available to direct you to your car.

Q. What are the hours of construction?

A. Typical construction hours are from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM but can vary seasonally.

Q. How dusty will my street be during construction?

A. All construction work is subject to dirt and dust. We apologize for any inconvenience. At the end of each work day, the contractor will be responsible for keeping the site clean.

Q. Will trees be protected during construction?

A. A tree specialist will assess all trees on these streets prior to construction to identify measures to protect trees.

Q. Will SEPTA service in the area be affected?

A. No interruptions to SEPTA service are anticipated.

Q. What is green Stormwater infrastructure (GSI)?

A. Green stormwater infrastructure includes a range of soil-water-plant systems that intercept stormwater, infiltrate it into the ground, evaporate a portion of it into the air, and in some cases release a portion of it slowly back into the sewer system. PWD is installing green Stormwater infrastructure as part of its *Green City, Clean Waters* plan to reduce combined sewer overflows.

Who should I call with questions?

If you have questions about work in your neighborhood, please contact our Customer Information Unit at 215-685-6300 or email us at questions@phillywatersheds.org.