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WORK NO. 41085

02/9/2024

**Gorgas Chute and Park Line Drive Interceptor  
In Wissahickon Valley Park**

Dear Philadelphia Water Customer and/or Neighbor,

You are receiving this letter as a notification that a Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) construction job is beginning in your neighborhood. This project will take place in two locations in Wissahickon Valley Park. As a neighbor in this community, we want you to be aware of possible disruptions.

**PWD Project Name & Website: #41085 Park Line Dr & Gorgas Chute | [water.phila.gov/41085](http://water.phila.gov/41085)**

**Contractor: AP Construction, Inc.**

**Estimated Project Start Dates: February & April 2024**

**Location #1: Gorgas Chute**

The initial construction effort is under the Henry Avenue Bridge at Gorgas Lane. **There will be a detour starting at the Wissahickon Valley Park Entrance at Gorgas Lane, 19128.** It entails reconstruction of a stormwater conduit from bridge inlets at the south end of the bridge span, as well as restoration of the existing stormwater 'chute' in this area.

**Location #2: Park Line Drive**

The second location is at the bottom of the Park Line Drive White Trail Entrance to the Wissahickon Valley park trail system. **There will be a detour starting at the entrance at Park Line Drive and W Hortter St, 19119.** This portion includes repair work on our interceptor sewer that constitutes a portion of the Orange Trail and stream protection work to reduce erosion. Restoration of our natural waterways protects our overall water quality and existing infrastructure along the banks. ***Please see scheduled detours throughout the park for both trail closures on the second page.***

PWD has hired City-approved contractor AP Construction Inc. to complete this project. The work is scheduled to start in February 2024 at the Gorgas Lane location and is anticipated to transition to the Park Line Drive location in April 2024.

A photographer will visit the job site to record all existing conditions, prior to the start of construction. This will help to ensure that all work sites are left in an acceptable condition upon completion of the project. Construction work is not a clean or noiseless business: you may see and hear the use of large construction equipment along the streets in your neighborhood. It will be necessary to temporarily store construction materials in selected areas in the park until the stream restoration is completed.

**Detours**

Throughout construction, access to these areas of the park under construction will be prohibited. Please respect the prohibited access area for your own safety. During normal working hours, between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM, the contractor may also post "No-Parking" signs on an as required basis.

PWD has assigned an inspector to the project who will be on-site every day. Please contact the inspector with any problems or questions:

**Inspector (on-site): Nijat Jafarov, 267-270-9990**

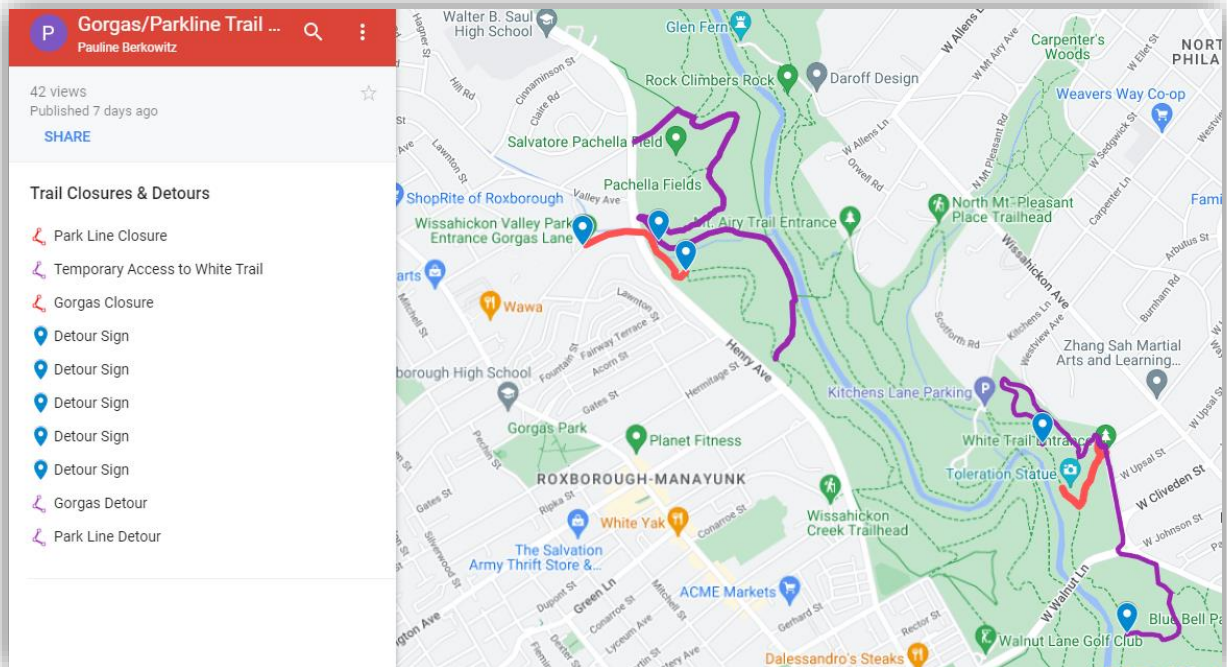
If you are unable to contact the inspector or have additional questions, please contact me at the number listed below between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Should an emergency occur, please call the Philadelphia Water Department hotline at **215-685-6300**.

Please keep these phone numbers handy, in the event you find a need for our assistance. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

All of this information and further details about the project can be found at [water.phila.gov/41085](http://water.phila.gov/41085).

*Sincerely,*

Pete Reilly, Division Engineer  
Phone: 267-601-2257



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