



Randy E. Hayman, Water Commissioner

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Dear Water Department Customer:

As some of you may be aware, the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) has plans to work along Cresheim Valley Drive to install a new sewer. This project is necessary to achieve State regulatory compliance by eliminating sanitary sewer overflows into Cresheim Creek. Source water protection is paramount to PWD's mission of supplying our customers with clean, safe, and healthy drinking water.

PWD has hired C. Abbonizio Construction to complete the work, and while there were some delays leading up to the start of this project, things have moved along quickly and our contractor is ready to begin. At this time, **the Cresheim Valley Drive closure is due to begin November 8, 2021**, and you will soon see signage going up alerting motorists to the pending closure.

PWD and our contractor will create a comprehensive traffic detour plan and coordinate with the Philadelphia Streets Department for plan review and approval. A full closure of Cresheim Valley Drive from Germantown Avenue to Cresheim Drive will be necessary during the duration of the project to ensure a safe working environment for our contractors, as well as for the safety of the residents of Philadelphia. In consideration for how inconvenient this road closure would be, this project has been designed to employ techniques to reduce the duration of construction to 6 months (rather than 9 months if traditional practices had been utilized).

PWD has provided a briefing on the project to Councilmember Cindy Bass's office, and we are working together to schedule a virtual community meeting the week of October 25th. We will be able to share all of the project details and our work schedule, and do our best to address any of questions or concerns.

We thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to maintain clean and healthy waterways. Should you have any questions leading up to this project, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at John.DiGiulio@phila.gov.

Sincerely,

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