

September 2026

Dear Philadelphia Resident,

The Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) is starting construction on a stream improvement project in your neighborhood. This project is called **Neill Drive Stream Restoration and Infrastructure Protection (PWD Project #50224)**. The contractor assigned to this job is **Bencardino Excavating Inc.**

Construction is Estimated to Start September 2026

Construction is expected to take place: **September 2026 – Early 2028**. The project will include different types of phased infrastructure upgrades. PWD will alert you before planned service interruptions.

Stay updated on project details on the PWD project page: water.phila.gov/50224.

Construction Impacts

- Our construction team will require the use of heavy equipment (including excavators, bulldozers, dump trucks, etc) and access the site at the construction entrance on Conshohocken Ave., just north of Neill Drive/Falls Rd.
- PWD's contractor will be responsible for traffic flow and control in/out of the site, preventing construction debris from getting into the creek (erosion & sediment control), and for scheduling material delivery to/from during normal construction working hours
- Pedestrian access, trash collection, and deliveries will be maintained

On-site Contact Information

Look for construction team members (wearing visible PWD clothing) regularly on site:

- **Project Inspector:** Michelle Jordan, 215-768-6685
- **Construction Engineer:** Peter Reilly, 267-601-2257

PWD is working in close coordination with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. There will not be any interruptions to your drinking water, stormwater, and/or wastewater services as part of this project.

Reason for Project

The work will protect and restore Neill Drive Stream in West Fairmount Park. The work will repair and protect critical PWD infrastructure, reconnect the floodplain to promote a stable and diverse habitat, and improve the City's parks and community spaces.

For more info on our Ecological Restoration (ER) Unit's work, please visit:

water.phila.gov/sustainability/ecorestoration.

Contact our Construction Outreach inbox at Water.Projects@phila.gov with questions. Call the PWD hotline at (215) 685-6300 for any emergencies.

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