



Randy E. Hayman, Water Commissioner

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Dear Philadelphia Water Customer,

I am writing to let you know that the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) is planning a construction project in your neighborhood. The planned project will take place **on your street and on the sidewalks near your property.**

These projects are a part of the City of Philadelphia's *Green City, Clean Waters* initiative – a 25 year-plan that keeps pollution out of rivers and creeks by using green tools to absorb stormwater that could overflow into our waterways during heavy storms. For more information about the program, visit: water.phila.gov/green-city/

As part of this project, **#50267 Holmesburg Streets**, PWD is planning to install the green tools listed below at the following locations:

- Stormwater tree trenches and subsurface storage systems along Craig Street, from Rhawn Street to Welsh Road
- Stormwater tree trenches along Fuller Street, from Terry Street to Leon Street
- Bumpouts along Decatur Street, from Leon Street to Craig Street

More information about the specific green tools planned for your area can be found on the factsheet on the back of this letter or on this project's webpage, found here: water.phila.gov/50267.

Construction is expected to begin in approximately **2-6 months**. However, please note that **this is an estimate** and the construction start date can be earlier or later than the anticipated timeline.

A follow up letter will be sent closer to the time of construction. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to both myself and Amy Hopf (Amy.Hopf@phila.gov) with any questions about the project.

If you want to receive email notifications from PWD please visit phillyh2o.info/signup to register.

Sincerely,

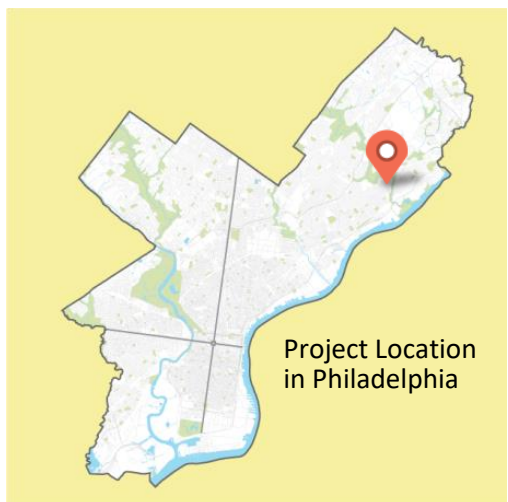
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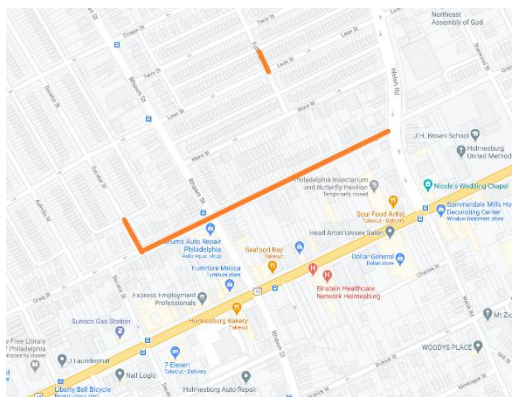
Construction of Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI)

Anticipated Start Date: TBD

Anticipated Completion Date: TBD



Project Location in Philadelphia



Areas impacted by construction:

- Decatur Street from Leon Street to Craig Street
- Craig Street from Rhawn Street to Welsh Road
- Fuller Street from Terry Street to Leon Street

Why are we doing this project?

State and federal regulations require Philadelphia to reduce the pollution entering our rivers when excess stormwater causes sewer overflows. **Green City, Clean Waters** is a program designed to meet those regulations and invest in neighborhoods across the city by creating stormwater infrastructure that incorporates green space.

In addition to water quality benefits, green tools used by **Green City, Clean Waters** provide a number of community benefits. New green spaces have been found to **improve the value of homes** and **encourage outdoor recreation** while **reducing stress, noise, air pollution** and **litter** in neighborhoods.

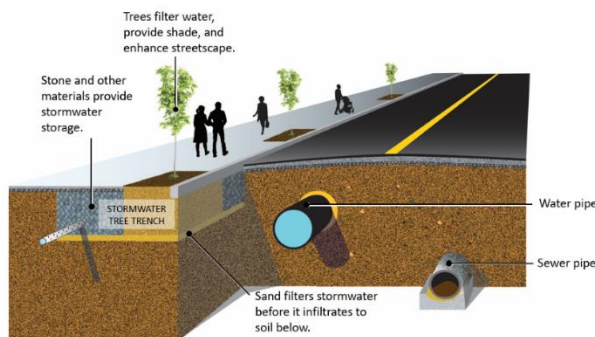
What is green stormwater infrastructure?

Green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) uses materials such as plants, soil, stone and special pavement to slow, filter and soak up water during storms. This project includes the following types of green stormwater infrastructure:

Stormwater Tree Trench - A stormwater tree trench looks like a series of traditional street trees, but underground the trees are connected by a concrete structure designed to store and filter water. During construction, a trench is created along the sidewalk and lined with special fabric, then filled with stone and topped with soil and trees.

Underground Storage - Underground or subsurface storage refers to spaces that store stormwater underground. Typically, a rectangular bed is cut in the street or sidewalk. The bed is lined with special fabric and then filled with stone or gravel and sometimes plastic storage pipes.

At Right: Graphic rendering of a stormwater tree trench.



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, waterinfo@phila.gov or on the website www.phila.gov/water