

**TOWN OF GUILDERLAND**  
**McKOWNVILLE STORMWATER AND WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ISSUE #6**

**What work is completed and what remains?**

The water project is 98% complete, with only new water mains in easements between Parkwood Street and Fuller Road remaining. The stormwater project is 25% complete, with new mains and laterals installed on McKown Road, Knowles Terrace, and Waverly Place.

**I've recently noticed National Grid vehicles and employees on streets. What's up?**

National Grid is canvassing neighborhoods to inspect gas lines and gathering information for installing new gas mains in the near future.

**What impact does National Grid's work have the Town's stormwater and water project?**

In this past construction season, large diameter stormwater pipes were installed on McKown Road. This part will convey stormwater from the new storm system on the north side of Western Avenue to the Krumkill Creek on McKown Rd.

During the installation of stormwater pipe on McKown Road, Bast & Hatfield, the Town's contractor, found National Grid's undisclosed gas lines. When performing stormwater work on the north side of Western Avenue, more conflicts were encountered. The Town expended \$1,400,000 in project funds to remedy this situation. This remedial work caused a 10 month delay in the project.

Because of the potential for additional undisclosed National Grid pipes and other abandoned infrastructure, Delaware Engineering recommends that National Grid first install its new gas lines on the north side of Western Avenue and provide the Town with its "as built" drawings and maps of underground utilities to minimize conflicts with the Town's remaining work.

Bast & Hatfield has requested a termination for convenience of the contract. The Town has accepted the termination. This action will allow the Town to rebid the remaining work in the fall by which time National Grid should have finished installing the new gas lines.

**When will gas pipe replacements begin and when will the remaining water and stormwater piping be installed?**

We are expecting National Grid to start work in June 2020. The remaining stormwater and water work is expected to restart next spring.

**How bad will the roads be this year and how long will gas piping installations take?**

Because gas lines are installed at more shallow depth (18 to 24 inches) than stormwater and water pipes, the disturbance is far less than water and stormwater installations. The field work is expected by National Grid to take 3 to 5 months.

The lateral piping (the small diameter pipe that runs from gas main to each residence) will be installed using trenchless technology. This method installs the lateral piping with far less excavation. Using this method will translate to much less restoration, and tree root damage.

**What does this mean for my lawn, sidewalks, and other items that have been disturbed by the water and stormwater projects?**

Prior to National Grid starting its work, Bast Hatfield is obligated to perform restoration relating to its water and stormwater work. Delaware Engineering will be on-site to assure that all appropriate restoration is completed.

**Where can I obtain more project information?**

In accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, Delaware Engineering will provide bi-weekly construction updates for posting on the Town's website ([www.townofguilderland.org](http://www.townofguilderland.org)) and McKownville Improvement Association's website (<https://mckownville.org/>).