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Mill Street Sewer Improvement Project

On behalf of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, Baltazar Contractors, Inc. will install a debris-catching stilling basin on Mill Street. This work is expected to begin October 11, 2023 and continue through November 2023. Typical construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00AM to 4:00PM.

During construction hours, this section of Mill Street, at the intersection with Cherry Street, will remain open to traffic in both directions but require temporary lane shifts. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be managed with posted signs and police details.

The Mill Street Stilling Basin will be installed on a 60-inch brick sewer originally constructed in 1900. The basin will collect debris within the sewer to help prevent clogs and backups downstream. The installation of the stilling basin at Mill Street is part of the larger [Locust Street Water and Sewer Upgrade Project](#) to modernize the water and wastewater infrastructure in the South End and Six Corners neighborhoods and improve service reliability, efficiency, and environmental protection.

The \$25 million Locust Street Water and Sewer Upgrade Project is being completed as part of the Commission's \$550 [Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Renewal Program](#) and in accordance with the Commission's 2014 [Integrated Wastewater Plan](#). The sewer upgrades within Locust Street will help improve wastewater flows and system redundancy. Once construction is completed, the sewer pipes within Locust Street will connect to the new \$137 million [York Street Pump Station and Connecticut River Crossing Project](#) currently in the final phase of construction. The new York Street Pump Station is scheduled to be complete in November 2023.

The Commission appreciates the patience of residents, businesses, pedestrians, and drivers while this important work is performed. Please contact the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission at 413-310-3501 with any questions regarding this project.

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