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**Springfield Water and Sewer Commission Invites Public to
Open House of New Regional Wastewater Project**

\$137M New York Street Pump Station and CT River Crossing Project Complete

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) is pleased to invite the public to an Open House of its new \$137M York Street Pump Station and CT River Crossing Project (YSPS).

The Open House runs from 2-5 PM on Friday, November 17, at the site of the new York Street Pump Station at 75 West York Street in Springfield. Visitors can visit the interior of the new YSPS, which extends 50 feet underground, as well as take a look at the original 1938 pump station next door that it is replacing. Visitors will also learn about the essential role of the wastewater system in protecting public health and the environment, and enjoy some seasonal refreshments. More information about the event is available at waterandsewer.org/open-house.

[The \\$137 million York Street Pump Station](#) serves to convey wastewater collected from the City of Springfield to the Springfield Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, on Bondi's Island. The new station features approximately double the pumping wastewater capacity of the existing 1938 station, which will reduce combined sewer overflows into the Connecticut River by approximately 100 million gallons in a typical year, and incorporates many climate-resilient design features to ensure reliable operation in extreme storm events. The project included the installation of three new wastewater conveyance pipes across the Connecticut River to add much-needed redundancy to the existing 1938 and 1974 pipes.

“We are excited to invite the public to celebrate the completion of this important project with us, and see for themselves how their rates are being used to clean the environment, address climate resiliency, and renew critical infrastructure,” stated Communications Manager Jaimye Bartak. “Plus, if you're curious about the less-visible operations that keep your community running day to day, this is an



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interesting project to see. During this season of gratitude, when you consider what everyday life would be like without sewers and pump stations, there is much to be thankful for.”

The project broke ground in May 2019 and is funded through competitive low-interest loans from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust. It is the first project to be completed in the Commission’s Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Renewal Program portfolio, which kicked off in 2021.

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Renewal Program

The new York Street Pump Station is one of more than 20 capitals projects included in the Commission’s \$550 million [Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Renewal Program](#) (WWIRP). The WWIRP was initiated in 2021 and includes both drinking water and wastewater projects. The WWIRP is advancing on an accelerated schedule due to the Commission securing a highly competitive, \$250 million low-interest loan from EPA’s Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act ([WIFIA](#)) program as well as through competitive financing from the Massachusetts Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds (SRF).

More information on the WWIRP and the portfolio of projects is available here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5d6420cc44ed477eaaba63d8108f04d4>.

About the Commission

Established in 1996, the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is an independent, public regional utility. The Commission serves 250,000 customers in the lower Pioneer Valley with safe and reliable drinking water and wastewater service. The Commission provides retail drinking water service to Springfield and Ludlow; regional drinking water treatment to Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, and Southwick; and emergency/peak service to Westfield, West Springfield, Chicopee, and Wilbraham. The Commission provides retail wastewater service to Springfield and regional wastewater treatment to West Springfield, Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, and Ludlow.

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