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Locust Street Water and Sewer Improvement Project

On behalf of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, Baltazar Contractors, Inc. will continue work on the Locust Street Water and Sewer Upgrade Project through the winter months to complete critical infrastructure upgrades as quickly as possible. Typical construction hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00AM to 4:00PM, weather dependent.

Construction will take place in proximity to Locust Street, Main Street, and Mill Street. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be managed with posted signs and police details.

• Locust Street and Main Street

Two-way traffic will be maintained

• Intersection of Mill Street and Locust Street

One-way traffic/northwest bound traffic detoured to Main Street

• Mill Street Stilling Basin at Cherry Street and Locust Street

Two-way traffic will be maintained

• York Street and Main Street

One-lane alternating traffic

Following completion of excavation and construction this winter, pavement and sidewalk restoration is anticipated to begin in Spring 2024.

This work is being completed as part of the <u>Locust Street Water and Sewer Upgrade Project</u> which will 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 a key component of the Commission's \$550 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Renewal Program and the Integrated Wastewater Plan. The project includes the addition of a stilling basin, currently being installed at Mill



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and Cherry Streets, 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.

Once construction is completed, the sewer pipes within Locust Street will connect to the new York Street Pump Station, which was recently <u>completed</u>, as part of the \$137 million <u>York Street Pump</u> Station and Connecticut River Crossing Project.

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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