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Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
To Host Public Tour on Bondi's Island

Learn What Happens After You Flush!

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (Commission) will host a public tour of the Springfield Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (SRWTF) on Friday, July 10, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The SRWTF is located on Bondi's Island at 250 M Street Extension (off Route 5) in Agawam, Massachusetts.

At the SRWTF, wastewater from Springfield and the surrounding communities of Agawam, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Ludlow, West Springfield, and Wilbraham is cleaned and treated before being returned to the Connecticut River. Originally built in the late 1930s and last substantially modernized in the 1970s, the SRWTF is currently undergoing significant upgrades through the Commission's Water and Wastewater Renewal Program (WWIRP). Tour participants will have the opportunity to learn about these critical investments and how they are improving the resiliency of the region's wastewater system.

The tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at the wastewater treatment process and how the facility protects public health and the environment. Attendees do not need to be Commission customers to participate. Participants should note that the tour involves a significant amount of walking both indoors and outdoors, including stairs and a variety of walking surfaces. While all ages are welcome, the tour may be best suited for children ages 10 and older.

Participants must arrive by 10:15 AM to join the tour. Closed-toe shoes are required, and appropriate clothing is recommended, as the tour takes place both inside and outside the facility. Protective



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equipment, including hard hats, will be provided. Light refreshments and snacks will be available. Directions and more information is available at waterandsewer.org/tour/

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; wholesale drinking water service to Agawam, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow; and emergency/peak service to Westfield, Southwick, West Springfield, Chicopee, and Wilbraham. The Commission provides retail wastewater service to Springfield and wholesale wastewater service to West Springfield, Agawam, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, and Ludlow.

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