

Update to the Community Living near Battlefield Golf Club

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Chesapeake City Council to Consider Easements Resolution on September 15

On September 15, 2009, the Chesapeake City Council will consider a resolution that will authorize the acquisition of temporary and permanent easements to construct water lines on Centerville Turnpike, Murray Drive, and Whittamore Road either by purchase or if necessary, condemnation.

At this time, City staff believes all right-of-way will be in the form of easements, however, language has been added to the resolution to authorize staff to acquire property in fee simple for right-of-way and leasehold interests. Occasionally, easement acquisition may encounter delays due to a variety of reasons such as unclear title, inability to locate heirs, or inability to agree on price.

The City is committed to bringing City water to residents as quickly as possible. As an example, following is the timetable for the selection of the engineering firm to conduct the feasibility study and design the project. This selection process can take up to three times as long for a similarly-sized project. This process was completed in 23 days.

August 17, 2008: The project was advertised for design services, stating "time is of the essence". Interested firms were directed to go to the City's web page to obtain details.

August 18, 2008: The Selection Committee was named by the City Manager.

August 28, 2008: Eight firms submitted proposals by the advertised due date.

August 28 - September 9, 2008: The firms were evaluated, short-listed, and interviewed. URS was selected.

For more information on the progress of the project, see the next column.

Battlefield Golf Club Water Project Update

Here's an update on the progress of the City's work to bring City water to residents living adjacent to Battlefield Golf Club:

This project will bring City water to residents in the vicinity of the golf course on Centerville Turnpike, Murray Drive, and Whittamore Road. Work on the system design is ongoing, including the path the water will take and identifying the easements required for construction. Acquisition of the needed easements has already begun.

The first phase of the project is the extension of the water main on Centerville Turnpike from Albemarle Acres south to Etheridge Manor Boulevard. The design is complete and an invitation to bid on the construction has been advertised. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on September 15, 2009, and construction will begin as soon as possible.

The second phase of the project is the extension to Whittamore Road and Murray Drive. This design is scheduled to be complete by mid-to-late September 2009. Construction will be advertised for bid shortly thereafter.

Both phases of the water extension project are scheduled to be complete by January 2011. By phasing the project, some portions may be completed sooner than others, therefore some residents may be able to connect to the City's water system sooner than January 2011.

The dates provided are best estimates and subject to change depending on circumstances and unforeseen obstacles.

Status Report

Murray Drive/Greenhaven Area Outfall Improvements

The City continues to work on resolving the drainage issue on Murray Drive. From the November public meeting, Public Works has re-evaluated the drainage and is developing a plan that will provide a ditch on the farm to the south of the Greenhaven subdivision and continue east under Whittamore Road to the Pocaty River. This results in a substantial reduction of stormwater that passes through the Greenhaven drainage system. This alignment will also greatly reduce construction impact on residents. The Navy has provided preliminary approval of the City's current alignment and will continue with the coordination of the necessary easements for construction. City Council has approved additional funding for this project in the new fiscal year for a total of \$3,500,000 dedicated to improve drainage conditions for the community.

The next step is for the City to complete the design and acquire the necessary easements and environmental permits. The City has completed the survey and is scheduled to complete the design by March 2010. It is anticipated that underground exploration will be occurring within the next three months which will locate the HRSD forcemain, a gas line, and a fiber optic cable in an attempt to address the drainage pipe that is under Centerville Turnpike south of Murray Drive. Under the current schedule, construction is anticipated to begin in October of 2010.

Chesapeake City Council Expands Franchise Area

On August 18, 2009, the Chesapeake City Council approved a resolution to amend the policies and maps of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Chesapeake to expand the public utility franchise area for public water service to existing lots fronting on Murray Drive and portions of Whittamore Road and Centerville Turnpike.

EPA Issues Pollution Report #8

The Environmental Protection Agency has issued Pollution Report #8. This report provides an update of activity at the site. Note that residents with lead concentrations in their drinking water wells greater than 15 micrograms/liter will be offered sampling in September.

You can read this report and previous reports online at the EPA website for Battlefield Golf Club: www.epaosc.org/battlefieldgolfclub

Municipal Water Still Available for Residents

Residents may still use water from taps installed in the rear parking lot of Centerville Baptist Church at 908 Centerville Turnpike, S. Please bring your own containers.

Water is available at these times:
Saturday: all day

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
sunrise to 7:45 a.m., 9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m. - sunset

Wednesday: sunrise to 7:45 a.m., 9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This information is provided by the City of Chesapeake for residents living near Battlefield Golf Club.

Please direct questions to Lizz Gunnufsen, Public Communications Coordinator, 757-382-6241

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