



Town of North Smithfield Status Report – Sewer Projects

Date: February 2, 2009

Due to the weather conditions, the ongoing construction has been halted for the winter months.

Green Street Project Area

In the Spring 2009, the work will continue in this area. This work is expected to continue through the Summer. At the conclusion of the construction project, the affected homeowners will be notified when the system has been accepted and when they can begin connecting into the infrastructure.

Waterford Street/Warren Park Drive Area

The sewer work has been completed in this project area. Next month, the residents will be receiving a letter notifying them that the system has been completed and accepted by the Town. At that time, the one year period to connect into the municipal system will begin. The homeowner is reminded that to connect to the sewer system, the homeowner must obtain a permit. The following are the requirements. They must:

1. **Hire a Contractor:** A Drainlayer (licensed by the Town) or a Master Plumber (licensed by the State of Rhode Island) are qualified and allowed to connect your home/business to the Town's sewer system. Drainlayers are not licensed by the Town to do interior plumbing and/or electrical work. If you choose to hire a Drainlayer to perform the outside work, then you must also hire a plumber to perform the inside connections.
2. **Hire an Electrician:** This is only necessary for those who connect to the system using a grinder pump.
3. **Obtain a Sewer Permit.** A completed permit form must be submitted to the Sewer Department prior to construction. This is usually done by either the licensed Drainlayer or the R.I. Master Plumber that you have hired.

Only sanitary discharges may be connected to the Town's sewer system (i.e., sinks, toilets, tubs, showers, dishwashers and washer machines). It is illegal to connect your downspouts, sump pumps, perimeter drains, drywells, air conditioning units and/or any storm water structures to the Town's sewer system. In addition, connecting these types of non-sanitary waters to the sanitary sewer system will negatively impact the capacity of the system to reduce pollution in our rivers, ponds and bays.

Please note:

- Town-licensed Drainlayers and R.I. Master Plumbers are qualified to make the external connection of your home or business to the sewer system
- Master Plumbers are licensed to do interior plumbing as well as the exterior work
- Licensed Electricians are qualified to do electrical work, which will be required to connect your grinder pump.

Please contact Mr. Manuel Alvarez, Superintendent of Sewers, North Smithfield Sewer Department at 401-767-2200 ext 320 if you have any questions or need further clarification.

St. Paul Project Area

The design for this area is anticipated to be complete by mid-February 2009. It is anticipated that the project will begin in the Spring 2009. The streets affected by the project are as follows.

Great Road (St. Paul St. to Mendon Rd.)
Andrews Court
Branch Ave.
Franklin Way
Lincoln Dr.
St. Paul St.
Great Road East (Morse Ave. to Hillview Ave.)
Hillview Ave.

All residents are reminded that the Sewer Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss the ongoing construction activities. We encourage residents to attend if they have any questions or concerns regarding the installation of sewers within the designated areas.

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