## **MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 7, 2012

**ATTENDEES:** Huron A Project Design Team

Huron A Private Property Inflow Removal Residents

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**SUBJECT:** Huron A (Contract 8A) Private Property Private Inflow

Removal Meeting

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On Thursday June 7, 2012 a community meeting was held at the West Cambridge Youth Center to review the proposed private property inflow removal works in the Huron A neighborhood with the community. A PowerPoint presentation was provided by the City representatives with and open discussion with question & answer period before and after the meeting. Below is a summary of this meeting:

• Catherine provided an overview of the Huron A Sewer Separation Project and project goals, defined inflow, and described why inflow is proposed to be removed within the Huron A project area.

Owen explained that the work would be done in two phases, exterior work under Huron A construction contract, then a second contract with a plumber to do interior work (next year). A few residents requested that all of the work (interior and exterior work) be done at the same time to minimize disruption and surface restoration wait time. They did not want to wait one year or longer for the second phase of work. Update since community meeting: It was decided to include both internal and external work within the Huron A Project to minimize disruption to private properties. Both internal and external work will be completed in a single phase. There will still be some site restoration work and final paving that might take place towards the end of the contract, but most of the site disturbance will be contained to one period of time.

- Owen explained the process of how the properties for private inflow removal were selected. Within the Huron A project, a total of 59 properties are proposed for private property inflow removal work. This results in a 75% reduction in inflow (flooding reduction for a 10-yr storm). Update since community meeting: The total number of property required for private inflow removal was changed to 58. The property at 129 Lexington Avenue was removed from the list since it discharges to a different hydraulic area.
- Owen stated that the interior work would be performed by licensed plumbers and all
  workers on private property will be CORI screened and supervised by DPW reps.
  The project requires that the contractor carry insurance coverage for the property
  owners where private property inflow removal work is required.







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- It was explained that the Contractor and a city representative would contact each of the designated property owners about six weeks in advance of any work being done to review the work and develop a right-of-entry document allowing the contractor permission to complete the work.
- It was explained that the primary purpose of the private property laterals is to connect storm runoff from roof leaders and sump pumps to the separated drain in the street, not to relieve flooding in backyards.
- It was explained that the plumbing code requires that a site contractor complete the outside portion of portion of work and a plumbing contractor will complete the interior portion of the work. Final paving of driveways and/or walkways will not be completed until after the sidewalks are installed and the street is paved. Until final paving, a base course of pavement will be installed for driveways/walkways.
- A resident stated they had a tree they wanted removed. City response was for the resident to contact the City and state the request.
- A resident asked about how long the work would take to complete the work on private property. Response was that the time will vary but the average duration is approximately a week.
- A resident asked if the drawings only indicate half of driveway being restored, is it possible to have the remaining portion of the driveway restored. The response was yes, but at the cost of the homeowner.
- It was agreed that individual packages would be sent to each property owner with additional information on what is proposed for their property together with these meeting notes.
- A resident asked if the layout of the work in their property could be changed or if what is shown on the plans is final. It was indicated that changes can be discussed and negotiated at the individual meetings with the contractor.
- The attendees were encouraged to visit the City's project website <a href="https://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects.aspx">www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects.aspx</a> under "Alewife Sewer Separation Project: Huron A Neighborhood for updates regarding the work and schedule. A community meeting for the entire Huron A project is expected to occur in September to introduce the construction team and overall project schedule. Update since community meeting: Kelly Dunn, the DPW Community Relations Manager, is on leave and is no longer a contact for the Huron A Project. Please contact Catherine Daly Woodbury, DPW Project Manager, at 617-349-4818 or <a href="mailto:cwoodbury@cambridgema.gov">cwoodbury@cambridgema.gov</a> should you have any questions.





