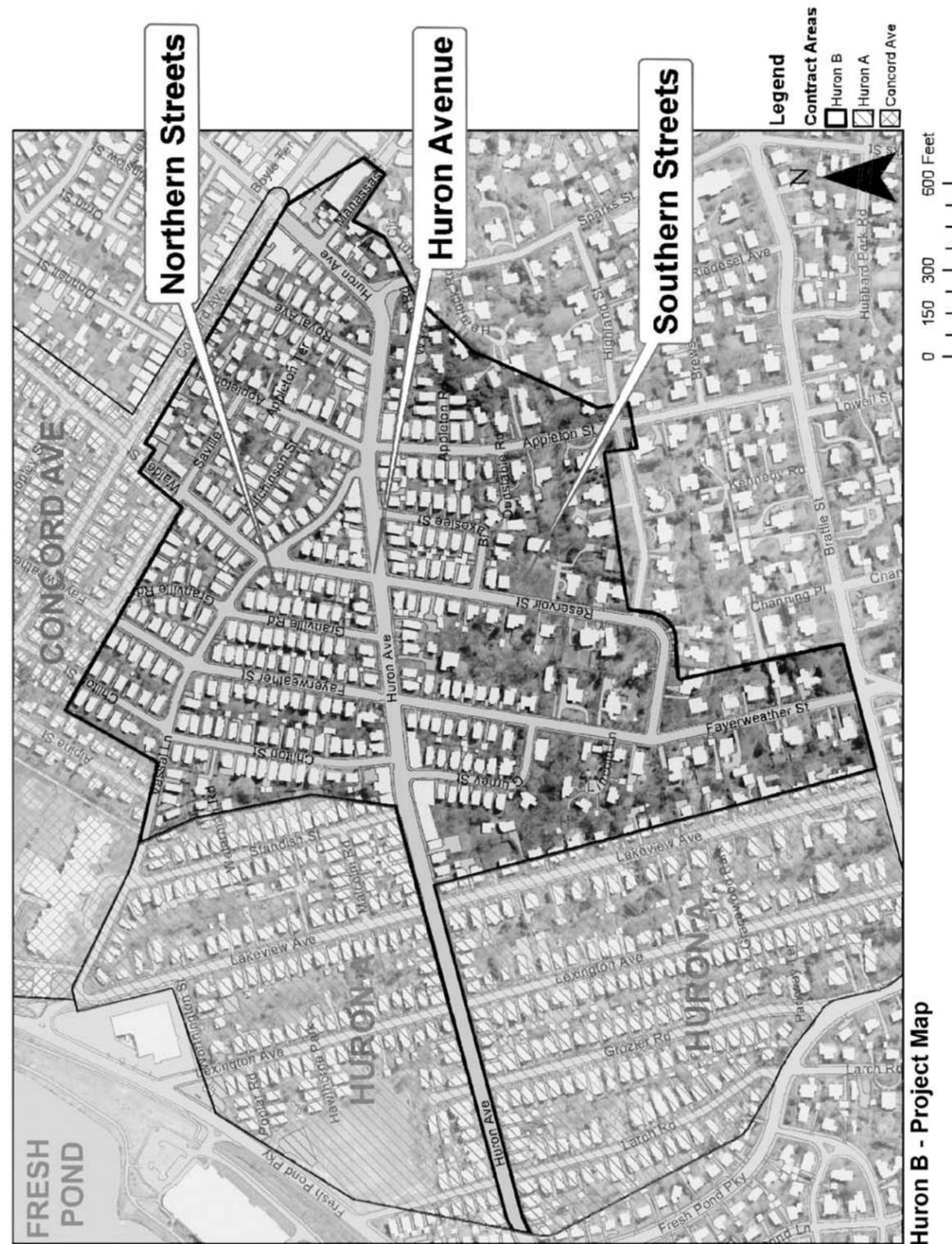




Alewife Sewer Separation Project: Huron B Neighborhood Frequently Asked Questions



1. Will there be any pre-construction activity?

Yes. The following are planned preconstruction activities:

NStar Gas will continue installing new gas mains and service connections in the project area, with updates on specific locations being provided as information becomes available from the gas company.

Barletta will begin an exterior preconstruction survey of the project area that includes a portion of your property. Survey consists of a video to document existing conditions prior to construction. A flyer will be distributed including additional information prior to the event.

Barletta will conduct test pits and layout throughout the project area. These small excavations allow the contractor to locate existing utilities in advance of major construction starting.

2. What can I expect during construction?

Construction on this project will take approximately three years to complete. General work hours will be 7AM to 4PM, Monday-Friday. "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of construction; please be sure to check posted signs for exact dates and times.

3. Will there be any vibration or noise during the construction process?

Yes. There will be noise associated with the construction process. However, the City and the Contractor will do what it can to minimize the impact on the neighborhood by working only during general work hours, except during emergency situations.

4. How will I know when work will be planned on my street?

Construction is scheduled to begin Fall 2013. An approximated construction schedule for each street will be posted on the project website, once the information is made available from Barletta.

When work occurs directly in front of driveways or entryways, the City's Resident Engineer and Contractor will coordinate access directly with residents and businesses. Access to your driveway will be maintained, whenever possible.

5. How will parking on my street be impacted?

Parking will be temporarily impacted at various locations throughout the day between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Police details will be onsite to assist neighbors. Work Zones are approximately 100' in length and their location will move as work progresses. Parking on the streets after work hours will be available, but cars will need to be moved the next day if a "No Parking" sign has been posted. Street sweeping schedules WILL be maintained throughout the construction process. Residents must continue to read and obey signs, and move their cars accordingly.

6. There are double-pole utilities on my street, are these permanent?

No. The double-poles you may find on your street are not permanent. They will be consolidated by the utility companies during the construction process.

7. What is private inflow and how will I know that I'm affected?

Inflow is water that flows into sewer pipes from various stormwater sources. Stormwater can enter sewers from gutter, downspouts, internal roof drains, area or driveway drains, foundation drains, and sump pumps. The City is working toward separating the combined sewer (sewer and storm flow) system in your neighborhood to fulfill the requirements of a court-ordered cleanup of the Boston Harbor by preventing combined sewer overflows (CSOs) from your neighborhood into the Alewife Brook. Removing private property inflow is needed to ensure the system is adequately separated.

Not all properties will be affected by this activity. All private property owners that will be affected by "inflow removal" projects have been notified at this time and each has received a packet describing the pending work along with additional information. If you have not been notified, your property does not require private inflow modifications.

8. When will private inflow removal work on private property occur during the construction process?

The City and the Contractor will meet with you at least 6 weeks prior to construction activity at your home in order to finalize the conceptual plans you received and sign right of entry documents. This work is anticipated to happen in conjunction with the utility work occurring on your street.

9. How will I know if my home has a lead water service and when will I be notified?

A portion of the houses within the project area contain lead water services. The City will replace all lead water services encountered during the construction, between the main in the street and to the property line. The City's Resident Engineer and Contractor will notify the home owner prior to this activity happening.

The property owner can choose to replace the lead water service line from the property line to their house, but this will be at the homeowner's expense. The property owner will be required to obtain their own contractor for this work. Use of the same contractor by a group of residents needing similar work completed may be a less expensive alternative than undertaking this work on your own.

10. If my property is impacted during the construction process, how will these items be restored?

If the Contractor is required to enter your property, you will be notified and required to sign right of entry documents that will be sent to you in advance of any work that may occur on your property. Your property will be restored to a condition equivalent to or better than what currently exists. Sidewalks will be replaced with either brick or concrete.

11. What if I want to change the sidewalk materials in front of my house?

The City will replace brick sidewalks with brick sidewalks and concrete sidewalks with concrete. If a property owner wants to change a brick sidewalk to a concrete sidewalk, then notify the City's Resident Engineer and the change will be made at no cost to you. If you want to change from a concrete to a brick sidewalk, the property owner is responsible to pay the contract difference between the installation of the two materials. Considerations of adjacent materials will be taken into account with each material request.

12. How do I find out about a new tree?

To access the latest plans to determine if new trees have been replaced or added in the vicinity of your property, please visit our website: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronB> for the most up to date documents. The most recent streetscape plans will also be posted, by street, on the main page of the website as of October 1st. You can access the pdf streetscape plan of your street by simply clicking on your street name. If you do not see a replaced or new tree, but would like one planted, please contact the City's Resident Engineer, Bruno Cardarelli, via information below.

13. A new tree is being planted in front of my property. Will it be possible to change the tree type?

If a new tree is planned within the vicinity of your property, you can request the tree be changed to a type compatible with its surrounding. Currently the construction drawings indicate the tree species, which has been designated by City of Cambridge arborist, specific to its immediate surroundings. For example, trees located below utility lines have a limited number of species available, due to their potential to conflict with the wires above. Once you know what tree has been designated, you can contact the City's Resident Engineer, Bruno Cardarelli, via information below.

14. If the sidewalk is too narrow to fit a new tree are there other ways that can allow a new tree to be planted?

Yes. If the sidewalks do not have enough room to maintain the minimum accessibility requirement of 48"clear at a new tree, the property owner will be given the opportunity to add a back-of-sidewalk tree, which will be provided by the City at no charge. The tree will be planted on your property, provided it is within 20' of the property line adjacent the sidewalk.

15. How do I sign up to receive electronic notices during construction?

To register your email address for electronic notices, please contact KyAnn Anderson, our Community Relations Manager, and she will add you to the mailing list. See information below.

16. Who can I contact for more information?

For additional information please contact KyAnn Anderson, Community Relations Manager at 617-498-4708 / kanderson@kleinfelder.com or Bruno Cardarelli, the City's Resident Engineer at 617-799-4374 / bcardarelli@kleinfelder.com

Information is also regularly updated on the project web site at:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/HuronB>

In the event of an emergency, residents may contact the City of Cambridge Department of Public Works 24-Hour line at 617-349-4800.