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Press Release

Mount Laurel Municipal Utilities Authority Announces the Completion of Multi-Street Water Main Replacement Project

In the fall of 2017, the Mount Laurel Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) and their contractor, RTW Construction of Southampton, NJ, began a water main replacement project encompassing three streets and replacing over 2200 feet of aging water main. Cheryl Coco-Capri, MUA Chairperson states “we found by bundling these three streets into one project, it afforded us the ability to secure a larger, more experienced contractor and more competitive pricing”.

The life expectancy of these water mains should have been much longer than their 50-year life; however, a combination of factors including corrosive soil and a high-water table, led to their shortened life span. The MUA has taken the steps necessary to ensure the new main, a cement lined ductile iron pipe will last at least 100 years. This was accomplished by adding sacrificial anodes and wrapping the main as recommended by the American Water Works Association, commented Bob Adler, MUA Engineer.

The total cost of this project, paid from the MUA’s Capital Improvement Program, was approximately \$800,000 which included engineering costs, paving of the roadway, replacement of curbing and installation of new handicap ramps. The next area to be complete is York Road.

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Section of new water main wrapped in protective plastic