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Location: 1455 Main Street, WEST CHATHAM

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Mailing Address: 549 Main Street CHATHAM, MA 02633

Dear Resident,

As you are likely aware, the Town of Chatham has begun construction on the initial portion of the Phase I wastewater project. This work involves installation of more than 10 miles of gravity sewer, low pressure sewer, and sewage force mains. In addition, five new pumping stations are being constructed to convey wastewater to the treatment facility. This letter is to advise you of upcoming construction on a pumping station in your neighborhood.

During the spring and early summer of 2010, work began on three of five pumping stations. A large portion of the work completed at these pumping stations in the spring involved the installation of the "wet wells", which are essentially large diameter concrete tanks installed below the ground surface. During the installation process for the wet wells, some neighbors expressed concerns about vibrations that were being felt at their residences. In response to those concerns the contractor is evaluating an alternative method of construction for the remaining pump stations to one which should result in less vibration.

The pumping station that will be constructed in your neighborhood is located at the intersection of Meadow View Road and Vineyard Ave. Construction is anticipated to begin at this location the week of October 25th. The wet well installation will take approximately 3 weeks, although this may vary slightly in either direction.

There is a possibility that vibrations resulting from these construction activities will be felt at your home or business. Therefore, we are kindly requesting your cooperation in preparing for this work.

If you have fragile or valuable items that are kept on the walls or on shelves, we suggest that you temporarily relocate these items to a more secure location while the wet well is being installed as a precautionary measure.

Please note that the portion of work that has raised the most concern during the previous pumping station construction has been during the installation of the wet well. After the wet well is installed and backfilled, there will continue to be work at the site, but the remainder of the work will have minimal impacts, similar to any type of residential building/remodeling construction. Additionally, sewer construction work may be proceeding concurrently on adjacent roads; however, it is not anticipated that this work will create the same level of noticeable effects at your property.

If you have questions or concerns about the upcoming pump station construction, or would like to schedule a visit at your property prior to, or during, pump station construction, please contact

either the project manager for the engineering company or the Town's CWMP Program Manager:

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Please retain the attached fact sheet for a summary of the construction activities and contact information.

For further information on the wastewater project, including updated schedules, areas of construction, detours, and Frequently Asked Questions, please visit the project website (<http://www.chathamproject.info/>) or the town's website (<http://www.chatham-ma.gov/>).

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation with this important project.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Duncanson, Ph.D.
Director of Health & Environment
CWMP Program Manager

TOWN OF CHATHAM – WASTEWATER PROJECT
Property Owner Information

WHAT WILL OCCUR: Construction of a nearby pumping station beginning with excavation for a 20-foot deep wet well.

WHERE: Meadow View Road Pumping Station
#180 Meadow View Road (corner of Meadow View Rd. & Vineyard Ave.)

WHEN: Beginning the week of October 25th

WHY WE ARE WRITING: Some neighbors voiced concerns about vibrations being felt at their residences during pump station construction in the spring.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Installation of the pumping station wet wells will occur at the beginning of the construction period. After the wet wells are constructed, there will continue to be work at the site. This work is similar to what is experienced during a residential building or remodeling project and impacts are expected to be minimal. In addition, construction of gravity sewers may be proceeding on adjacent roads.

IMPACTS TO YOU: Most likely none. However there is a possibility that vibrations will be felt at your home or business.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Relocate fragile and/or valuable items from walls or shelves to a secure location. You can also schedule a visit at your property prior to or during construction activities.

QUESTIONS or CONCERNS: Please contact the Engineering Company managing the project or the Town's CWMP Program Manager:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION DURING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT**