

Main Connection

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A Word Of Introduction...

Welcome to the *Main Connection*, a newsletter dedicated to providing news about Water One's Phase V project in your community. This newsletter is part of our overall commitment to keep communication flowing to you throughout the planning, design and construction of this project.

WaterOne is very appreciative of the cooperation we've received from your community regarding this project. It has been our goal from the beginning to lay the groundwork for a positive working relationship with residents directly impacted by the project and the surrounding areas.

The staff of Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS (UG) has been very generous with their time and have provided us with much needed information about the area. We have also met with various elected officials of the UG. These individuals are working with us in a spirit of cooperation as well as ensuring the residents of Wyandotte County are well served by the project.

Easement and right-of-way negotiations are underway with some landowners along the pipeline route. We are enjoying the process of working with these individuals and appreciate the time they have given to us. Additional correspondence will be sent to these individuals and other landowners as we progress with the negotiation process.

One of the potential benefits of the project to Wyandotte County is an emergency interconnection, linking the WaterOne pipeline to your service area. While this may not be a highly visible benefit, it is a significant one nonetheless. The interconnection would ensure that an emergency water supply would be available to your community in the event it is ever needed.

If there are specific issues you would like to see addressed in upcoming issues of the *Main Connection*, please email your suggestions to ekoutelas@waterone.org

Phase V Project Gets Underway Design Work and Easement Acquisition in Full Swing

A series of community informational meetings were held throughout your community in July and August of 2005. Since then, we have responded to a number of phone calls from citizens along the proposed water transmission main alignment. Some questions have been easily answered over the telephone; others have necessitated a one-on-one meeting at the interested party's property. As we continue through the design process and into the easement acquisition phase, we encourage you to continue to contact Charlie Sievert, Design Engineer at Black & Veatch, with any questions or concerns. He can be reached at (913) 458-3253.

Throughout the winter months and this spring, field survey crews have been out along the proposed alignment. The field work phase of the field survey is essentially complete and we are wrapping up associated title search work.

As the timetable on the back page shows, the detailed route for the water transmission main is nearing completion. Individual letters will be mailed in the near future to all parties directly impacted by the placement of the water transmission main, detailing the route and next steps for easement negotiation, construction, and final site restoration.

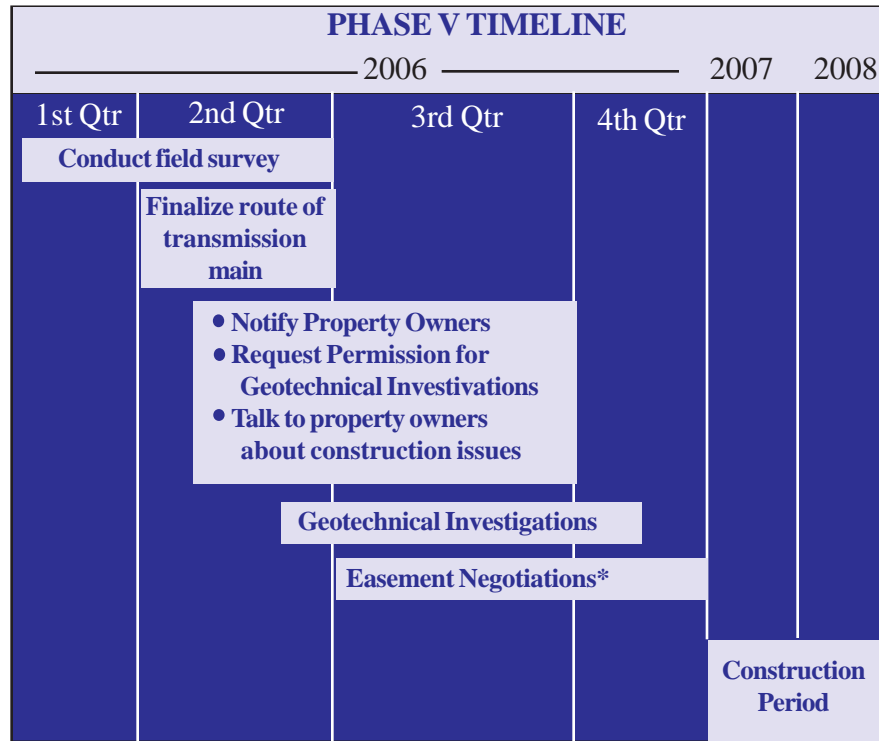
While it is anticipated the majority of citizens along the final route will be contacted around the same general time, there are some extenuating circumstances that are accelerating route selection and easement negotiations with a few property owners. These are being driven by a street improvement project and constructability issues on a few select properties.



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If you have not yet been contacted about your property or discussed it previously with our Design Engineer, you should be contacted over the next several weeks. The more information we can gather about each tract of land during the design phase, the fewer surprises there will be during construction. Information that is useful to us includes whether you have a private well; if you have a septic system and lateral field; and if so, where are they located.



* WaterOne intends to work together with the UG to coordinate easement negotiations and construction activities for the area along 115th Street from Parallel Parkway to approximately 1000 feet north of Hollingsworth Road where the UG has a major street improvement project underway. The pipeline alignment and easement negotiations along this section of 115th Street will be accelerated to stay on schedule with the UG's street improvement project.

Your Neighbors at Work



Bob Sixta directing Boy Scouts at Camp Naish

There are a number of WaterOne employees who reside in Wyandotte County and who make a difference in their communities.

One such individual is Bob Sixta. Sixta is employed as an Engineering Tech at WaterOne, but his 'heart' is in Wyandotte County. Not only is he a life-long resident of Kansas City, Kansas, but his personal commitment to the Boy Scouts of America is apparent through his involvement with Camp Naish in Bonner Springs.

Sixta has worked with the Boy Scouts for almost 40 years. For three years he served as day camp director at Camp Naish. Both he and his wife, Mary Sue, have had a passion for Scouting that could be seen through their volunteerism and the numerous activities they led.

The couple is known among the Scouts as "Papa and Mamma Smurf." Today, the Sixtas are advisors for two Scout troops and a venture post.

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