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Mt. Laurel MUA Completes \$800,000 worth of water main replacements

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Left: RTW Contractors, Inc. of Southampton, NJ installs replacement water piping in Grant Road; Right: S. St. Andrews Drive—installation of new water main wrapped in plastic by RTW Contractors, Inc.

The following information comes from the Mt. Laurel Municipal Utilities Authority:

The Mt. Laurel Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) continues utilizing its Asset Management Program to track and prioritize the replacement of aging infrastructure throughout the town of Mt. Laurel.

Most recently completed was installation of replacement water mains on South St. Andrews Drive, St. Andrews Court and Grant Road.

“By combining the two areas of work into one construction contract, it afforded us the ability to secure a larger, more experienced contractor as well as obtain more competitive pricing,” said Pamela Carolan, MUA Executive Director.

The MUA’s contractor, RTW Construction, Inc. of Southampton, began work in February on South St. Andrews Drive and St. Andrews Court, which was completed in early spring in order to accommodate Mt. Laurel Township’s paving program.

Pavement reconstruction on South St. Andrews Drive is scheduled to occur during the month of July and St. Andrews Court will follow in August, according to Mt. Laurel Township’s paving schedule.

Water main installation in Grant Road followed thereafter and was completed in June with re-pavement of the entire roadway by the MUA scheduled for September of this year.

The total cost to replace the more than 3000 feet of water mains on both streets including paving and reconnecting the homes was almost \$800,000.

According to the MUA, when water mains prematurely reach the end of their useful lives, customers may experience frequent service interruptions for costly emergency repairs.

To combat premature corrosion, the replacement piping is wrapped in plastic and equipped with cathodic protection, with this technology is expected to provide a life expectancy of more than 100 years.

“We are very satisfied with the outcome of these projects,” MUA Chairman Chris Smith said.