



METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

NEWTON

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) will be conducting field work to support a major water supply tunnel program in the Metropolitan Boston Area. The two proposed water tunnels will improve reliability for our water infrastructure and allow our aging existing water tunnel system to be rehabilitated without interrupting service.

As part of the design effort, MWRA has hired GEI-MJA JV and other firms to drill and collect samples of soil and rock, and conduct logging and permeability testing in each boring, and install piezometers within the boreholes to measure groundwater levels.

The site activities will include installation of temporary construction fencing and erosion and sedimentation controls around the work area to provide working space for a drill rig and support trucks, equipment, material storage, etc. At each of these locations, the work is estimated to take about 6 to 8 weeks, including site set-up and breakdown. Upon completion of site activities, our crews will restore the work site.

MWRA has planned for test boring and vacuum exploration activities within the City of Newton-owned property at the intersection of Drew Rd. and Nickerson Rd.

Work is scheduled to begin during the week of March 17, 2025, weather dependent, and occur typically between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction Zone Safety Plans will be implemented to ensure worker and general public safety in each area.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

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