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METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

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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, the MWRA has hired WSP and their subcontractors to perform test borings to study existing geological conditions. Test borings will be drilled to collect samples of soil and rock, conduct geophysical logging, and perform permeability testing.

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, support trucks, equipment, and material storage. At each location, the work is estimated to take approximately 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 one test boring within the Riverside Park in Needham.

Work is scheduled to begin the week of July 14, 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.

Please join us at one of the two neighborhood information sessions at the Riverside Park:
June 23, 2025 (Monday) @5:30-6:00pm; June 25, 2025 (Wednesday) @5:30-6:00pm

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

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