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METROPOLITAN WATER TUNNEL PROGRAM

NOTICE TO ABUTTERS

WALTHAM

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) will be conducting field work to support a major 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 disrupting service.

As part of the design effort, the MWRA has hired WSP and their subcontractors to perform test borings and bedrock outcrop mapping to study surface and subsurface conditions. Test borings will be drilled to collect samples of soil, rock, and groundwater. Outcrop mapping involves examining existing exposures of bedrock, and documenting aspects of the rock types, jointing and other geological attributes.

The site activities will include the installation of temporary erosion and sedimentation controls around the drilling work area to provide working space for a drill rig, support trucks, equipment, and material storage. At this location, the work is estimated to take approximately four (4) weeks, including site set-up and breakdown. The outcrop mapping would be performed generally concurrent with the drilling work. Upon completion of site activities, our crews will restore the work site.

MWRA has planned for five (5) test borings and vacuum excavation/hand digging activities within an area northwest of Waverley Oaks Road and northeast of Chapel Road in Waltham, MA. The bedrock outcrop mapping is planned for the areas to the north, northwest and west of Waverly Oaks Road, and north of Chapel Road, by teams of two to four people on foot. No machinery is necessary for the outcrop mapping effort.

Work is scheduled to begin during the week of June 8, 2026, weather dependent, and occur typically between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Construction Zone Safety Plans will be implemented to ensure worker and general public safety.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:

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