

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



Willard Avenue Sewer Separation Project Public Meeting Notice

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7 pm

City Hall Conference Room A.

This is a hybrid meeting held in-person and via Zoom. To register for participating by Zoom:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JueS0dkiRU6HTnjU9Y143Q

After registering you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the meeting.

MEETING PURPOSE

In accordance with the City's [Capital Improvement Plan](#) for FY22, the Department of Public Works plans to start sewer separation work in the Union Street and Willard Avenue areas in the spring of 2022. As part of the City's Wastewater Master Plan and Long Term Control Plan, separating wastewater from stormwater is an ongoing responsibility under the Consent Decree agreement between the City of Portsmouth and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The project involves the installation of three separate water mains: one for drinking water, one for wastewater and one for stormwater, along with reconstruction of the streets. The project will help reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) when the single pipe is flooded with stormwater in heavy rain events.

Although only the Union Street area falls within the Consent Decree zone, residents in the adjacent Willard Avenue area have complained about sewer odors, so the City will address that issue by installing separate sewer and stormwater mains in this area at the same time.

The City and its consultants are in the preliminary stages of design. Public meetings (Feb 1 for Union St. and Feb 2 for Willard Ave., each at 7 pm via Zoom] are planned to inform Union Street and Willard Avenue property owners about the project. The Consent Decree states that the sewer separation project must be substantially completed by October of 2023.

The next step is to conduct surveys of the homes and buildings in the area to determine the location and elevation of sewer outflow from each building so that the new sewer line accommodates these outflows properly. The City is working with CMA Engineers (Portsmouth, NH) and Flow Assessment (Auburn, NH) to conduct those surveys and asks for property owners' cooperation and assistance.