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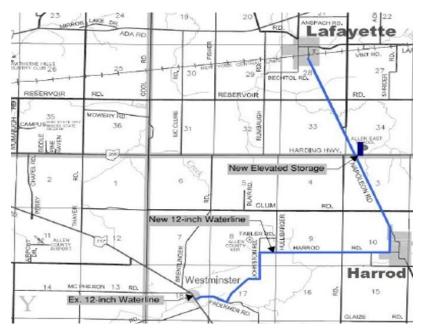
PRESS RELEASE: CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON EAST REGIONAL WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Allen Water District is moving forward with the East Regional Waterline Improvement Project. This project has received support from both Harrod and Lafayette Village Councils as well as the Allen Water District, City of Lima and the Board of County Commissioners, Allen County. With contributions from the District, City and County, as well as funding from USDA Rural Development (grant/loan), Ohio Department of Development through a Community Development Block Grant and Ohio Public Works Commission (loan), this project has been made possible. Informational Meetings have previously been held with property owners along the route. A Project Wrap-Up Meeting will be held toward the end of construction (estimated for fall 2022) to provide more detailed information regarding connection, final cost, etc.

This waterline project will include installation of approximately 45,000 linear feet of 12" waterline and approximately 30,000 linear feet of 8" waterline. The waterline will commence in Westminster on Carey Street tying into an existing waterline near Rudolph Foods. The line will head east on Faulkner Road, northeast on Johnston Road and then east again on Harrod Road to serve the Village of Harrod. The line will leave Harrod heading northwest on Napoleon Road to serve the Village of Lafayette with work occurring within the Villages of Harrod and Lafayette as well. The total estimated number of users within both Villages is approximately 340. The waterline will also serve Allen East School located at the corner of Napoleon Road and Harding Highway as well as be available to another approximately 150 potential users along the route. In addition to waterlines, an elevated water storage tank will be constructed near Allen East School to provide the necessary water pressure and store water for additional fire protection. Please see the map below for more details.

Construction is scheduled to begin September 22nd and the Contractors will have approximately one year to complete the project. Construction will typically be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, although construction may be allowed during weekends if necessary. There will be two crews working simultaneously in any of the given project area locations. During construction, there may be some road closures and traffic detours to allow for the work. Notification letters will be mailed out in advance to property owners in the project area. These letters will provide more detailed information regarding the project and important contact numbers. Thank you in advance for your patience during construction.

Questions regarding this press release should be directed to the Allen Water District at <u>allenwaterdistrict@allencountyohio.com</u> or (419) 996-4679.



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