Project Representatives Present
- Mike Osborne, Black & Veatch, project engineer (*presenter*)
- Nicole Bartlett, Charlotte Water, project manager (*presenter*)
- Mac McClanahan, Charlotte Water, project manager
- Keith Hunter, Black & Veatch, project engineer
- Chuck Shue, Black & Veatch, project engineer
- Brock Wortman, Crowder Construction, project contractor
- Mike Paluso, State Utility Contractors, project contractor
- Amanda DeWeese, Chernoff Newman, project communications consultant
- Elizabeth Covington, Chernoff Newman, project communications consultant

Overview
The meeting was very well attended (estimated 70-75 people). Mike Osborne began the first presentation early at 5 p.m. to accommodate the large number of attendees who arrived early. The presentation and following Q&A lasted about 45 minutes. A second presentation was given at 6 p.m. for the next round of attendees, many of whom asked questions after the presentation. The meeting wrapped by 7:10 p.m.

A key takeaway with both groups is confusion surrounding the multiple Charlotte Water projects in the Mint Hill area. The project team will clearly state the specific project we are contacting residents and businesses about in all future communications. Additionally, the team will coordinate with other Charlotte Water projects to ensure they do the same.

Q&A

Q. Why does the alignment cross the creek?
A. During design, Charlotte Water and its team identifies the path of least impact which also allows Charlotte Water to reasonably maintain the infrastructure in the future. In general, creek crossings are minimized; however, that path sometimes requires crossing if there is an obstacle, such as a large structure or a rapid rise in ground elevation.

Q. Are you laying pipe in Lawyers Road or will you be mostly in the residential areas?
A. Construction will include installing a pipeline alongside Lawyers Road, but not in the roadway itself. We plan to bore (tunnel) under all road crossings.

Q. What’s the size of the pipe?
A. The pipeline sizes range from 8 to 24 inches.

Q. What is the life expectancy of the new pipe/lift station?
A. Charlotte Water plans to utilize this lift station for a long time into the future to handle wastewater contributions in the area. If maintenance is required, Charlotte Water will replace or maintain its infrastructure as required.

Q. Do you know when you’ll be working around the Nature Preserve?
A. We expect to begin construction activities there around mid-March.

Q. Will you run water with this project?
A. There is no watermain being run in a public road right-of-way. A short section of watermain is being extended further on the Nature Preserve property to bring water to the pump station.
Q. We live in County Woods and there’s not water planned for that area, just sewer. How do you charge for sewer only?
A. Please contact Charlotte Water customer service to inquire about this question specifically for your property: 704-336-7600.

Q. There’s only one way in and out of Country Woods and you cross Maple Hollow Lane. How will you keep access open?
A. The pipeline will be bored (tunnel) under the roadway. Access for residents is expected to be maintained at all times.

Q. Will citizens be notified every day when blasting will occur?
A: No. To provide notification of activities, Charlotte Water has sent out multiple letters regarding the potential for upcoming blast activity in the project area. While it is possible for blasting to occur outside of these hours, in general, please expect any blasting to occur around between 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. during the day. Charlotte Water will send out quarterly updates regarding construction progress.