



Little Hope Creek: Phase 1 Virtual Public Meeting April 21, 2021

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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16 participants; 10 questions

Q1: When does Phase 3 of the project start?

A: We are still working through the design of Phase 3, which needs to be finalized before construction begins. At this point, the earliest we expect it to begin is mid-2022.

Q2: Do you have an updated map for Phase 3?

A: The most up-to-date map can be found on the project webpage. If there are any changes to the alignment for Phase 3, a new map will be uploaded there.

Q3: I was told that Charlotte Water is repurchasing properties. Is that correct?

A: We are obtaining easements for some portions of Phase 3. As part of Mecklenburg County's Floodplain Buyout Program, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services is also working within the neighborhood. More information can be found about this program here: <https://charlottenc.gov/StormWater/Flooding/Pages/FloodplainBuyoutProgram.aspx>.

Q4: When will easement discussions begin for Phase 3?

A: We have started some easement discussions for the Phase 3B branch. Once the design is finalized, we will start easement discussions for all of Phase 3.

Q5: What is the timing of construction for Phase 1 – tree cutting, digging, etc.

A: Construction activities will begin in May/June 2021. Tree cutting and clearing within the easements will occur first, followed by crews laying pipe. We are anticipating an 8-month construction period from start to finish for Phase 1. Please note, construction schedules are subject to change, due to weather and other conditions.



Q6: Do you plan to tunnel underneath the creek tributary for Phase 3? Just curious what the above-grade structures, if any, would look like post project.

A: No, we plan to open cut at creek crossings and restore the banks. As far as any above-grade structures, what would be visible is manholes, similar to what you see now.

Q7: When do you start using easements? Is there a formal notification?

A: We are able to access temporary and permanent easements as soon as construction begins. Temporary easement duration will vary between properties, with specific details included in the finalized easement documentation. As far as formal notifications, you will receive a pre-construction mailer notifying you when construction is scheduled to begin.

Q8: What is open cut?

A: The open cut method of pipe installation involves digging a trench to lower the new pipe in. Tunneling is trenchless construction.

Q9: Are you planning to go into Marion Diehl Park or stay along current easements bordering the park?

A: We are following the creek alignment in Marion Diehl Park. While we will be on some county-owned land, the intent is to minimize disturbance of the facilities in Marion Diehl Park.

Q10: Will Phase 1 construction take place day and night?

A: No, just during the day.