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Authority Seeks Grant Funding

In an effort to continue rehabilitation efforts while remaining fiscally responsible to its rate payers, the Borough of Conshohocken Authority board recently applied for a state grant to cover 85 percent of the estimated improvement project.

The Authority applied for a \$497,902.28 PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant from the Commonwealth

Financing Agency to cover the bulk of costs associated with the rehabilitation of the interceptor, which conveys flows from Plymouth Township, Conshohocken Borough and the West Conshohocken to the Authority's wastewater treatment plant.

Funds would be used to undertake phase III of the project in the area of Stoddard and Washington streets in Consho-

hocken. Upgrades include the installation of cured-in-place pipe liner on approximately 926 linear feet of 24-inch diameter vitrified clay pipe on Stoddard Street and 1,628 linear feet of 30-inch diameter vitrified clay and ductile iron pipe on Washington Street.

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BCA Remains Committed to Community Outreach

Like a good neighbor, the Borough of Conshohocken Authority is always there to educate and inform the public. Sometimes, the Authority manages to do this with a bit of entertainment as well.

Authority representatives were on hand during Conshohocken's annual Funfest this fall. Kids (and adults alike) enjoyed our toilet paper toss game.

We also used our booth to help explain to the community the do's and don'ts of toilet flushing. It's so important for folks to understand how items like kitty litter, flushable baby wipes, medications, plastic of any kind, paint and more damage our sewer system. In short, anything that is trash should be disposed of in an appropriate waste can.

BCA is constantly working to maintain and improve its sewer system, most recently completing an extensive odor control project, which, in 2018 resulted in no odor complaints. The Authority undertakes these upgrades with its rate payers in mind. It's another way that we work to continue to be a good neighbor.



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MEETINGS

January 28
February 25
March 24
April 28
May 26

Meetings are held in
the Authority office:
601 East Elm St.
Conshohocken

Meeting time 6:30 pm

Authority Puts Safety First

The Borough of Conshohocken Authority and its employees strive to be as safe as possible. We collectively embrace a safety culture at the treatment plant that helps prevent injuries, ensures all employees remain safe and our equipment continues to operate safely and without posing hazards.

The Authority requires that employees wear appropriate protective gear – including safety glasses and non-slip shoes – while undertaking work-related tasks.

In addition, we ensure that staff receive appropriate training for their respective

jobs. Our plant supervisors lead by example and encourage workers to make safety a priority.

We believe that accidents are avoidable and do our best to prevent them. Plant employees have worked for nearly three years – 1,037 days and counting – without a lost time accident.

In rare instances when accidents do occur, we follow an immediate reporting process. Promptly thereafter, we work together to review the situation, determine the accident cause and work to protect employees from a repeat occurrence.



The Borough of Conshohocken Authority manages the non-profit municipal sewage treatment plant.

The authority maintains and runs the plant and all associated infrastructure.

Borough of Conshohocken Authority Accomplishments and Projects

- **RBC Train #3C (treatment area):** completed upgrades to ensure long-term operations and enhance maintenance. All plastic media removed during the upgrade was recycled. Net credit against project plan.
- **Interceptor Lining Project:** completed installation of permanent liners sealing cracks and joints which stops leaks and helps plant efficiency. State grant provided 85% of the costs. Lined 1,842 liner feet of 20-inch and 1,670 liner feet of 22-inch interceptor pipes.
- **Odor Control System:** completed major capital project resulting in no odor complaints in 2018. Invested in advanced technology and equipment to control and eliminate odors.
- **PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Awards:** Overall Interceptor liner project awarded \$746,309 for Phase I/II.
- **Risk Management Plan:** Pump truck acquired and operators trained for servicing community's sewer lines.
- **Conshohocken Community Garden:** Donated the land used for the community garden and continue to support the garden and other community organizations.



BCA Seeks Grant

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This project will enable the Borough Authority to better serve its rate payers with improved public sewers.

An earlier state grant provided 85 percent of the costs to undertake installation of permanent liners to seal cracks and joints, prevent leaks and improving plant efficiency. The earlier phase of the interceptor project involved lining 1,842 linear feet of 20-inch and 1,670 linear feet of 22-inch interceptor pipes.



Items that should **NOT** be disposed of in the sewer system:

- **Flushable Wipes**
- **Cooking Grease or Oil**
- **Food Debris/Coffee Grounds**
- **Diapers**
- **Cotton Balls/Q-Tips**
- **Paint/Sealants/Thinners**
- **Kitty Litter/Pet Excrement**
- **Acne Pads**
- **Dental Floss**
- **Feminine Hygiene Products**
- **Condoms**
- **Bandages/Bandage Wrapping**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Facial Tissue**
- **Rags**
- **Anything Plastic**
- **Drinking Straws**
- **Medications/Supplements**
- **Poisons/Hazardous Waste**
- **Automotive Fluids**