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New Jersey American Water Invests $1.8 Million in Dunellen Infrastructure

CAMDEN, N.J. – AUG. 21, 2025 – New Jersey American Water will replace 3,140 feet of aging water pipe in Dunellen starting this month. The company will upgrade the 6-inch water lines, originally installed in the early 1940s, with new 8-inch ductile iron main along the following streets:

- New Market Road – from South Washington Avenue to Bache Place
- Bache Place – entire length

The project also includes replacing fire hydrants and utility-owned service lines along the pipeline route. Additionally, New Jersey American Water will replace any customer-owned service line that has been identified as lead or galvanized as part of a statewide initiative to remove all lead and galvanized service lines by 2031.

This $1.8 million investment will continue to advance water service reliability and increase water flows for household consumption and fire protection in this community. This improvement is part of New Jersey American Water's multimillion-dollar initiative to accelerate the renewal of water infrastructure that has reached the end of its useful life in more than 100 communities across the state.

New Jersey American Water's local, qualified contractor, CRJ Contracting, Inc., began work early August and is expected to be completed by the end of September. Work hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Final street restorations will take place in Spring 2026.

Project timelines are subject to change due to a variety of factors including weather and availability of supplies. New Jersey American Water encourages customers to take a few moments to update their contact information and preferences in their MyWater account. Customers must opt-in for general alerts to receive local main replacement and other non-emergency notifications via phone call, text or email. Individuals who are not New Jersey American Water account holders but would like to receive alerts and notifications from the company can also sign up by visiting awcodered.com or by texting WATER to 99411.

For the public's and workers' safety, traffic restrictions and/or alternating traffic patterns are likely to occur during work hours. All emergency vehicles and local traffic will be allowed access during construction. New Jersey American Water values the safety of its workers and advises drivers and pedestrians to take caution in the vicinity of work sites.

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