Pennsylvania American Water Launches System Upgrades in Lawrence County

Over 1 mile of water main improvements support safer, more reliable service across New Castle, Ellwood City, and surrounding communities

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (May 28, 2026) – Pennsylvania American Water is investing more than $2.5 million in system upgrades across Lawrence County to strengthen water service for customers in New Castle, Ellwood City Borough, and Neshannock, Shenango, and Union townships. The projects replacing aging infrastructure—some from the early 1940s—and system upgrades aim to modernize the region's infrastructure and strengthen service delivery.

"These improvements are all about delivering more reliable service our customers can count on," said Eric Beringer, manager of construction for Pennsylvania American Water. "By replacing more than a mile of aging water main and strengthening connections throughout the system, we're helping reduce the risk of disruptions and support the community's future water needs."

In Ellwood City, crews will replace aging pipe along Beechwood Boulevard with new, more durable materials to improve service reliability. Work in Shenango Township along Savannah Gardener Road will connect existing lines and strengthen system resilience.

Additional upgrades include pipe replacement work along West State Street in Union Township, from lower Idlewild Avenue to Gardner Lane, and Cochran Drive, from Maitland Road to Pulaski Road, in Neshannock Township. These improvements will help strengthen reliability, reduce the risk of future disruptions, and support more consistent service for customers.

Construction is expected to begin soon and continue through early summer. Work will take place on weekdays, with temporary traffic adjustments managed by local police. Customers may experience brief service interruptions, discolored water, or lower pressure, but crews will work quickly to minimize impacts. For more information, call 1-800-565-7292.

This infrastructure upgrade project is not only an important investment in public health and safety, it also helps support the economic health of the community. Economic impact studies show that for every $1 million invested in water infrastructure, upwards of 10 jobs are generated throughout the economy.

Statewide, Pennsylvania American Water invested approximately $722 million in 2025 alone to improve its water and wastewater treatment and pipeline systems, supporting more than 7,220 jobs through these continued investments.

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About Pennsylvania American Water
Pennsylvania American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest regulated water utility in the state with approximately 1,200 dedicated employees working to provide safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.5 million people.

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