

Department Head Report – Public Works



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1. Fueling Island Pumps damaged

The wooden light post, located adjacent to the fueling station, fell over and damaged the access panel (Key-trol) and one of the dispensing units. We are working with repair vendor/contractor as well as our insurance company to determine the best path forward to repair the fueling island. Unfortunately, the parts that were damaged are outdated and no longer manufactured. It is likely a new dispensing and access control system will be needed.



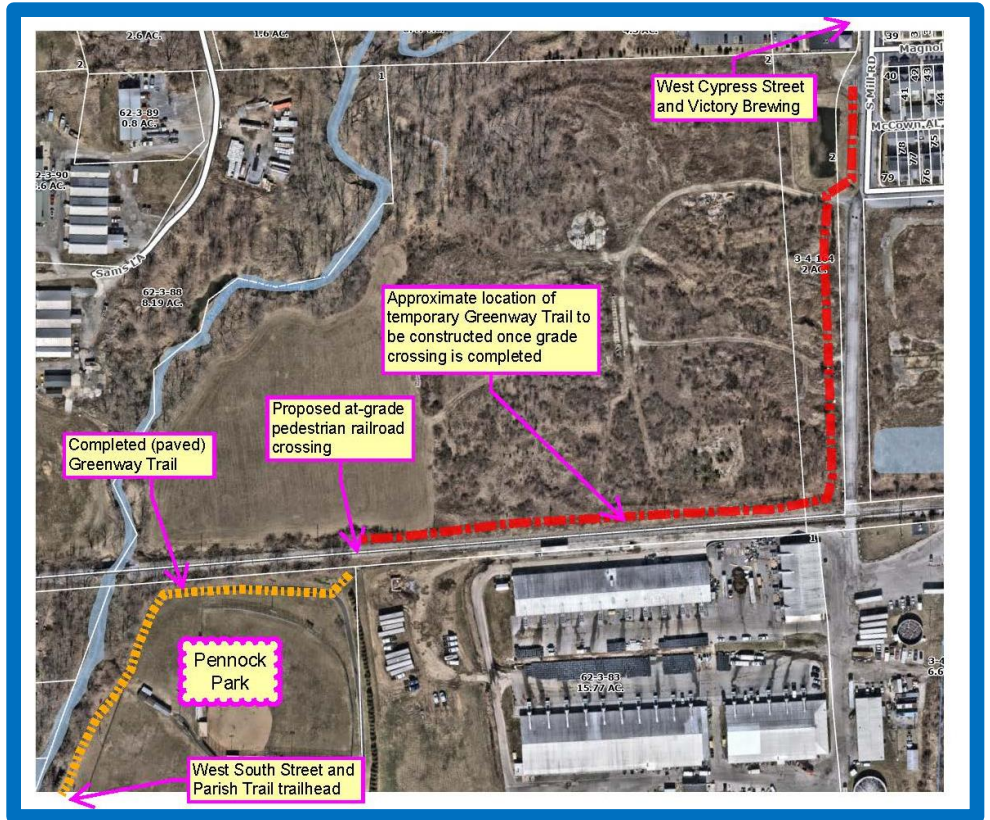
2. Time for road repairs

Tis the season for potholes. West South Street experienced advanced deterioration as the freeze-thaw process took its toll on the aging roadway. West South Street is scheduled for reconstruction with drainage and pedestrian improvements this year. Additionally, snowplows sometimes cause damage to yards when the edge of the road cannot be determined under the layer of snow. For significant damage, please contact the Department of Public Works. Minor scraps usually correct themselves as spring arrives.



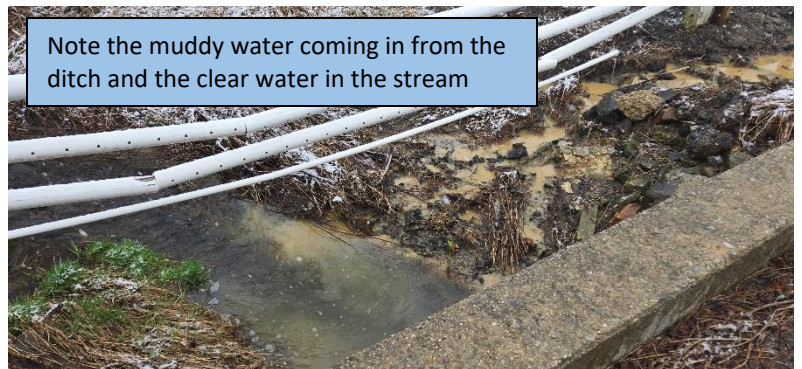
3. Magnolia Railroad Crossing

The at-grade pedestrian crossing for the East Penn Railroad line is coming to fruition. The railroad crossing will be located in the northeast corner of Pennock Park. Public Works recently staked the location of the proposed crossing. East Penn RR will be installing the crossing with their internal workforce. Kennett Township provided the match for a grant that helped make the crossing a reality. This is yet another piece of the Greenway Trail coming together to form a 14-mile loop for the Kennett Area.

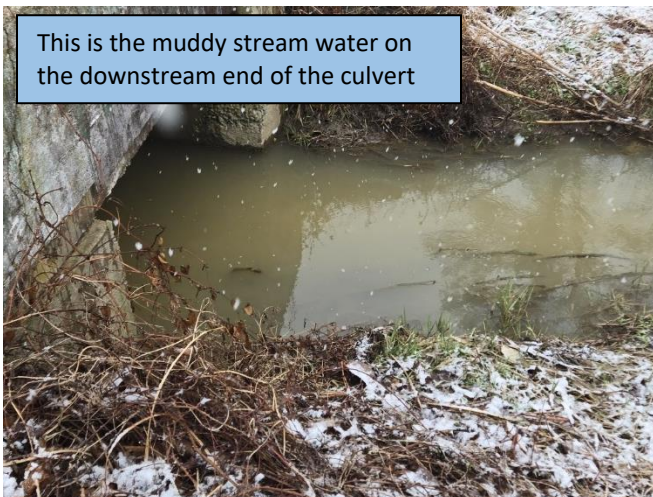


4. Protecting our streams from construction runoff

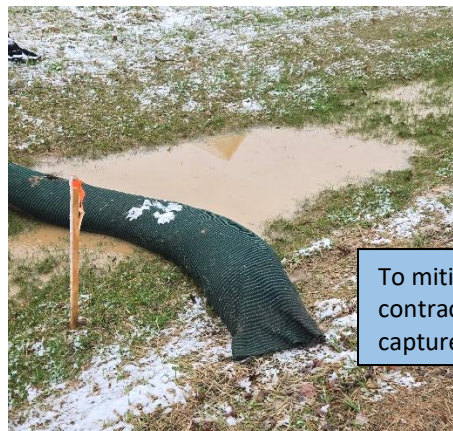
A call was received from a concerned resident (kudos!!!) regarding muddy water discharging directly into a stream. Township representatives immediately investigated the concern and directed the contractor to take remedial action.



Note the muddy water coming in from the ditch and the clear water in the stream



This is the muddy stream water on the downstream end of the culvert



To mitigate the muddy runoff, the contractor installed check dams to capture the muddy water.