



## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE NOTICE**

**Weeks of: February 15, 2016 thru the week of February 22, 2016**

### **What to Expect On-Site the Next Two Weeks:**

During the next two weeks the General Contractor, L.F. Jennings, will continue site construction around the Whole Foods Market and along Route 1. Underground utility work to install storm drains, water mains, conduits, site lighting and sanitary sewers is proceeding in multiple areas on the site as weather permits. Washington Gas Light (WGL) and PEPCO continue to bring service to each new building.

Grading for the pervious pavement drainage system, under the Whole Foods parking lot, will continue as weather permits. Installation of the new traffic signal at Van Buren St. and Route 1 is being completed. Construction of the three new entrances from Route 1 into the development has been completed, except for final asphalt course and striping which will be completed this Spring. Curb & gutter and base asphalt paving of the roads around the Whole Food Market have been severely impacted by winter weather.

Construction of screen walls, seat walls, sign walls and other site hardscape structures in Gateway Park (buffer area adjacent to Route 1) and around the Whole Foods Market parking lot is ongoing as weather permits. Bio soil storm water retention devices are being installed as required.

The construction of a large permanent storm water management pond in the NE corner of the site has started, but progress is handicapped by winter weather. WGL has completed the relocation of a gas line running along Rhode Island Avenue to the west of the railroad tracks and is now cleaning up from the work. Pavement restoration by WGL is not yet complete. The installation of a new storm drain outfall pipe under Rhode Island Avenue from Wells Run to the site has been impacted by the winter weather delays and will start in about two weeks.

### **CSX Crossing:**

Work will soon begin on the much awaited new CSX crossing at Riverdale Park Station. The bridge construction work is significant and required the closing of the former ERCO plant parking lot between the Rivertech Court cul-de-sac and Lafayette Avenue. While this route has been used for years as a "short cut" from Lafayette Avenue to M-Square, some vehicles are going around the barriers only to find parts of the road removed. As a reminder, all vehicles should honor the signs noting closure of the road. This closure will continue until the new bridge is open – estimated to be in April 2017.

The initial construction activities include the relocation of existing electrical, communication and gas utilities that run parallel to the CSX tracks. This relocation has started with the demolition of pavement where new utilities will be installed. Utility relocations are necessary for the construction of the new bridge over the CSX railroad tracks.

**Lane Closures:**

Periodic lane closures along Route 1 may be required but long term closures are not scheduled.

**Future Plans:**

- Two week to two month look-ahead –
  - Continue all of the above work but start additional buildings to provide new retail to the area.
  - Perform Spring landscaping for areas completed during winter months.
  - Opening of Gateway Park.
- Two to six month look-ahead –
  - Start additional retail buildings.
  - Start interior fit-out of Whole Foods.

**Work Hours:**

Work activity will be taking place Monday – Sunday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. However, work on the State highway will be restricted to 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Contact Information:**

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