



# Borough of West Chester

Public Works Department

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Dear Residents of Marshall Drive,

The Borough of West Chester has applied for grant funds to conduct the reconstruction of Marshall Drive in 2005. The proposed project will be similar to the work completed on Hillside Drive this past spring.

As you may know, there were two items that had to be addressed by residents in advance of the project. First, many homes in the Marshall Drive/Hillside Drive neighborhood were originally constructed with sanitary sewer laterals made up of a reinforced fiber pipe known as "Orangeburg" pipe. While many residents have updated their substandard sanitary sewer lines, there may still be some "Orangeburg" pipes under the street. If you are experiencing problems with your sewer line, or if you want to take some precautionary action, you should contact a plumbing contractor and have your old sewer lateral replaced prior to the street reconstruction. Borough Ordinance prohibits excavation in a newly paved street for a period of five (5) years, so you are advised to not miss this opportunity to upgrade your sewer line.

Second, driveway ramps are considered an obstruction in the street and are thus prohibited under Borough Ordinance. There are several ramps on Marshall Drive protruding out into the paved portion of the street, and they must be removed and replaced with a proper driveway curb-cut. As was the case with the Hillside Drive project, the Borough will include the curb-cuts in the scope of our contractor's work and invoice private property owners for their respective cost. We estimate the cost of this work at approximately \$800.00 per curb-cut, though the actual amount will be known only upon award of a contract. ***This requirement does not involve all Marshall Drive residents – just the ones who have driveway ramps that encroach into the street.*** If your driveway does have a ramp, you may hire your own contractor to replace it, have the Borough's contractor replace it, or choose to do nothing. In any case the cost of the correction is the responsibility of the property owner.

Please be aware that the Borough has not yet received funding for this project, ***we are only giving you advance notice at this time.*** You will be made aware when the project design process is started, and we will have a public meeting to discuss details. In the mean time, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the Public Works Department.

Sincerely,

Robert Wilpizeski  
Director of Public Works