

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 13th, 2017

1. **Readings** – We have started our fifth set of readings for 2017.
2. **Project LightWell** – We installed our first 10 interactive well covers along Beacon Street in June. The plan is to have the 10 well covers on display in each street for a period of four weeks. In the next couple of weeks we will move the 10 well covers from Beacon Street to the next street on our list, Commonwealth Avenue.
3. **Meetings/Presentations** –
 - I attended the scoping session and wrote a comment letter for the 99 Sumner Street project in East Boston (5/15).
 - I updated the Ellis Neighborhood Association on our efforts at their monthly meeting (5/23).
 - I met with Trustee Blackmon to review his ideas and recommendations for the organization (5/24).
 - I met with Trustee Jones to review the efforts of the organization (6/1).
 - I met with the Melissa Schrock of Boston Properties and Brian Fairbanks of WSP USA to review the GCOD requirements for the Back Bay South End Gateway project (6/6).
 - I met with Trustee Saunders and Susan DaSilva of the Saunders Hotel Group to review the Trust's new website (6/8).
 - I attended the scoping session and wrote a comment letter for the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine (6/9).
 - I supervised the installation of 11 observation wells (6/12-6/16, 6/28).
 - I registered and attended permeable pavement webinars on 6/20, 6/27, & 7/11. The remaining webinar will occur on 7/25.
 - I attended a pre-file meeting for the Exchange South End project (6/23).
 - I met with Zachary Wassmouth, Jeffery Alexis, & Joseph Fleury to review the surface of Public Alley 430 (6/27).
 - I spoke & met with residents & developers throughout the GCOD to discuss ZBA procedures and advised them on what they need to provide us to satisfy the zoning.
4. **MBTA** - Approximately 40 gpm is being injected into recharge wells in the area. In addition to our manual monitoring we have 4 wells in the area with dataloggers recording a water level every 60 min. The MBTA has renewed their maintenance contract with their Engineer for 3 years. Going forward the recharge systems will be inspected and adjusted (as needed) on a monthly basis.
5. **DCR** – I have dataloggers installed in 3 wells to monitor the levels along the Storrow Drive tunnel pump station groundwater recharge system. Levels are within their usual range and the system is working as designed. The DCR and their consultants are working with the DOT on traffic studies in support of a redesign effort for the underpass. They hope to have the results of this study by June. Recharge will be part of that plan and will be targeted for possible upgrade.

6. **BWSC** – An update of the following:
 - BWSC continues their work in Public Alley No. 430. Sewer and drain line repairs have been completed. In addition, recharge was installed as part of those repairs. The remaining portion of the sewer will be relined in the next couple of weeks.
 - BWSC is in the process of awarding the contract for repairs of the sewer along Beacon & Fairfield Street. Approximately 430' of the 72"x78" pipe will be repaired and is expected to be completed before the end of the 2017 construction season.
 - BWSC is continuing their investigations in the South End, North End, and Stuart Street area between Berkeley and Dartmouth Streets. An update will be provided at the July City-State Groundwater Working Group meeting.
7. **MWRA** - Inspected the Boston Marginal Conduit (BMC) (approx. 4,000ft.). Minor signs of infiltration at four spots were discovered during the inspection. Those four spots will be repaired. Additional inspections will be conducted this spring before repairs are made and an update will be provided at the July City-State Groundwater Working Group meeting.
8. **MassDOT** - Repairs were unsuccessful due to obstructions at the beginning of April in the Pru tunnel. A revised scope of work has been requested. An update will be provided at the July City-State Groundwater Working Group meeting.
9. **Website** - I have continued to inventory our website and have almost completed the redesign. The most recent items are posted under the "*Latest News*" tab on our homepage. As always, I would appreciate any feedback you may have.