NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Availability Session:

Thursday, March 11, 2004 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

at the Oddfellows Hall 412 West Buffalo Street Ithaca, NY

Representatives of the NYSDEC, NYSDOH and NYSEG will be available to answer questions regarding the ongoing removal of the Wooden Duct and associated contamination on West Court Street and upcoming investigation of off-site impacts.

FACT SHEET

Availability Session March 11, 2004 to Present Status of the Wooden Duct Removal and Other Site Related Topics

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) are announcing an availability session (see sidebar) to discuss the wooden duct removal along West Court Street, the continuing investigation of off-site impacts, and other site related developments. There will not be any formal presentation but instead there will be posters and tables set up. People can come and go as they please and representatives from NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and NYSEG will be there to answer questions one on one. Information regarding this project is also soon a v a i l a b l e o n t h e i n t e r n e t a t http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/mgp/ithacamgp.html.

Wooden Duct Removal:

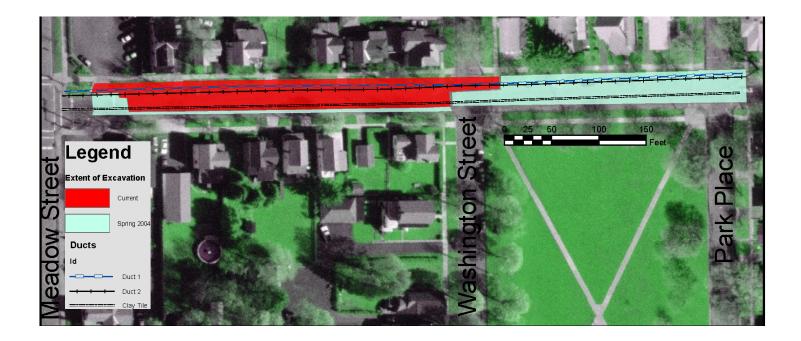
The removal of the wooden ducts and clay pipe along West Court Street from Meadow Street to Washington Street is nearly completed. A small area near

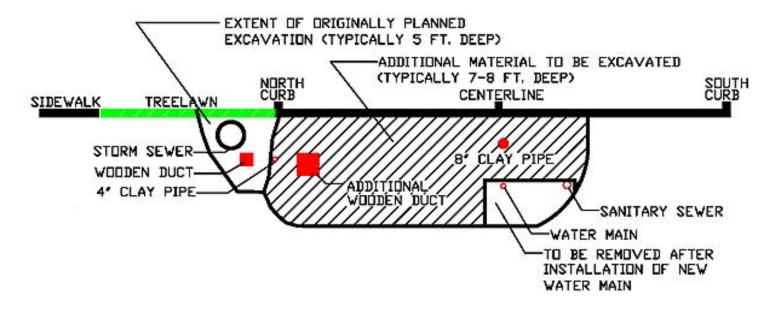
Meadow Street will be excavated by NYSEG this April, and the City will then proceed to install a new water main on this block. After the City has completed the installation of the water line, NYSEG will complete the excavation along this block in the area of the old water main. Following this excavation, this block will be fully restored with new sidewalks, paving and trees.

While the City is installing the new water line between Meadow and Washington, NYSEG will begin the excavation of the ducts between Washington Street and Park Place. At this time, NYSEG intends to complete the excavation on this next block, including installation of the new water line, by mid June. This block would then be restored over the summer. Excavation from Park Place to the plant site would then start in September 2004.

Other upcoming work:

NYSEG will be installing soil borings and monitoring wells for the next phase of the OU-2 investigation in March and April. The remedial design for the excavation of the plant site will be submitted to the NYSDEC in March. Also in March, the Ithaca Landmarks Preservation Commission is expected to rule on the demolition of the Markles Flat building.





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