

For Immediate Release
April 13, 2022

As part of the Aquarion/Eversource project proposed for New Canaan Road, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation is requiring Wilton to issue an approval of the traffic detour pattern prior to the State's issuing their permit. Lieutenant Dave Hartman of Wilton Police Department, Frank Smeriglio, Director of Public Works and Michael Wrinn, Wilton Town Planner have been working with Aquarion since last year on the review. **Please note, this is a year-long project.**

As part of the Town's review, Aquarion is required to issue informational sheets to residents (see attached). We are requiring them to:

- 1) send it out to residents on New Canaan Road, all other roads along the detour and roads adjacent to New Canaan Road;
- 2) send the pamphlets to the media to publish.
- 3) create a page on their website to have information about the project and a place to provide updates.

The idea is to give residents an opportunity to provide comments. Comments are accepted through May 1st. Comments should be sent to Dennis Fields at dfields@aquarionwater.com or Ken Zembrzuski at kenneth.zembrzuski@eversource.com

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April 8, 2022

**Aquarion – Southwest Regional Pipeline Transmission Water Main
Eversource – New Canaan to Wilton Gas Main**

Dear Neighbor,

Aquarion Water Company and Eversource would like to share details of a joint water and gas project taking place in your community.

What You Can Expect

The enclosed fact sheet and map provide more information about the details of our work. Please review it carefully as it contains specific information about work schedules, traffic patterns and how you can verify the identity of an employee- or contractor from Aquarion Water or Eversource.

As we perform our work, we continue following the guidance issued by federal, state, and regulatory officials concerning certain job tasks during the coronavirus health crisis.

Our work for this project will take place along the following road:

- Route 106 (New Canaan Rd) from Old Kings Hwy to Belden Hill Rd

Working to Serve You Better

We are committed to being good neighbors and performing our work with the utmost respect for you and your property. As construction professionals, we also know that living within a work zone can be challenging and we will do our best to minimize any disruption.

Staying connected to you is also an important part of our work. If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this resiliency work, please contact us. We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work together to complete this important water pipeline and gas system project.

Sincerely,

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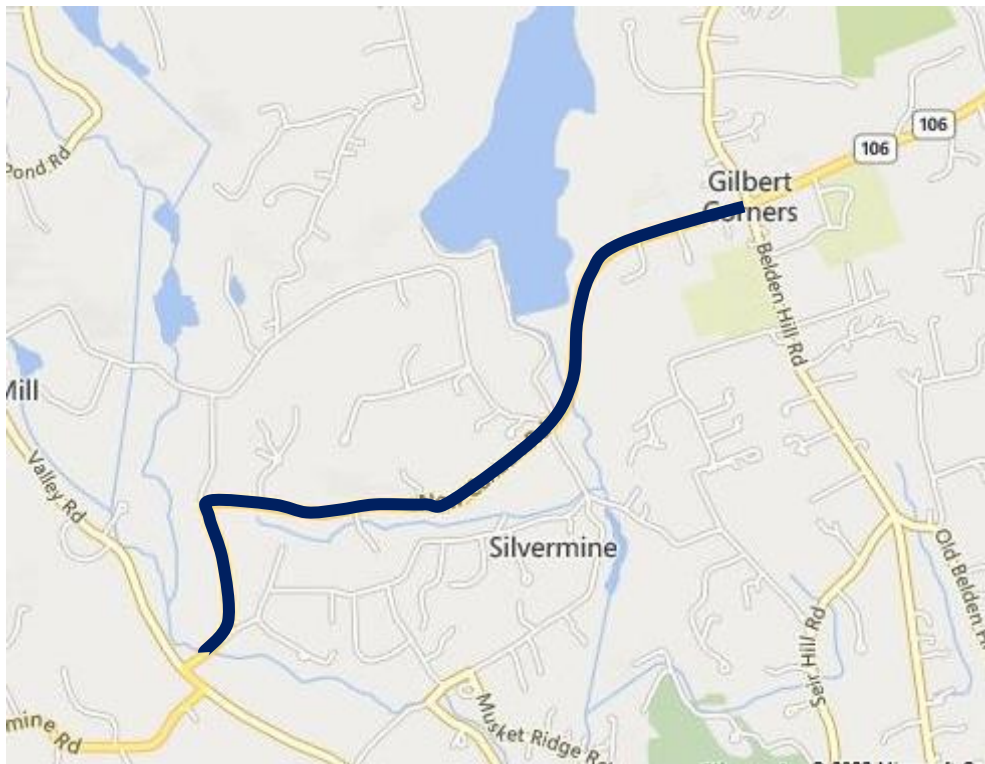
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PROJECT FACT SHEET: Aquarion Water Company and Eversource Energy

Providing reliable drinking water and delivering natural gas service to our customers is our mission. Achieving this goal requires periodic infrastructure improvements in our service areas. Aquarion and Eversource realized a unique opportunity to collaborate with the installation of new water and natural gas pipelines as one combined project. The efficiencies created by collaborating together is expected to reduce the construction schedule.

We are pleased to share with you a summary of our work scheduled for Wilton, Connecticut.



Project Route

Aquarion Water - Southwest Regional Pipeline Water Main

The Aquarion Water Company project will strengthen the resiliency of the existing Southwest Regional Pipeline (SWRP) with the installation of a new water pipeline. Once operational, the new pipeline will be one measure to improve drought resilience through increased pipe capacity.

The new 36-inch diameter ductile iron water main will parallel the existing water main located in New Canaan Road, also known as Route 106. The Wilton phase of the project begins at the Belden Hill water tanks and proceeds approximately 1.8 miles southwest to the New Canaan town line at the Silvermine River. Future phases of work extend the pipe further southwest through New Canaan.

Eversource Gas - New Canaan to Wilton Gas Main

At Eversource, we know our customers rely on us to deliver reliable energy every day, and it's a responsibility we take seriously. Protecting and strengthening the natural gas distribution system is vital to achieving that goal, particularly as the demand for natural gas increases. That's why we are investing \$9 million in this multi-phase resiliency project during 2022. Coupled with our everyday efforts, this is an investment in our future and yours to deliver reliable energy and superior customer service.

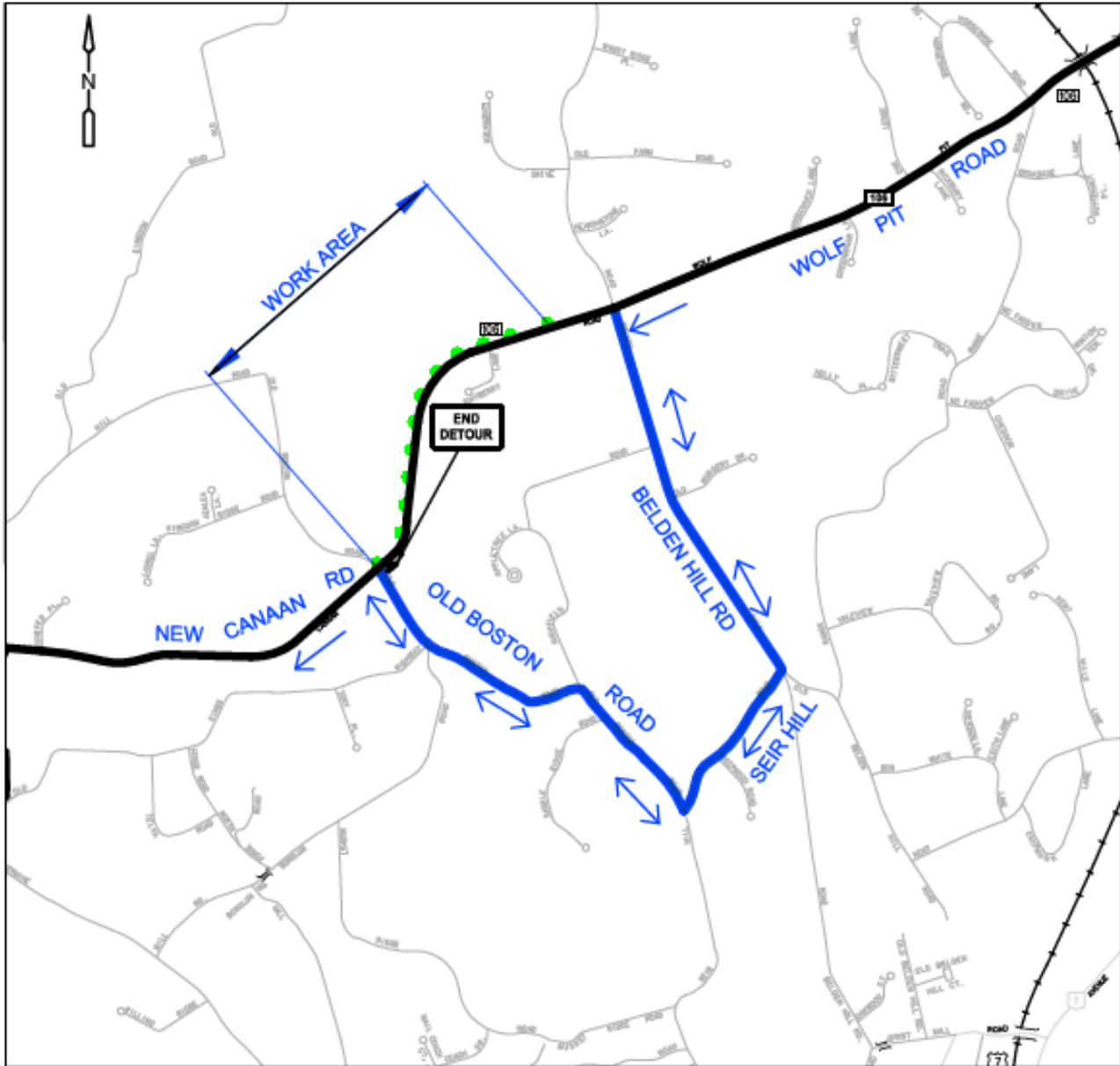
During this first phase of the project, Eversource Gas will be installing approximately 2 miles of 16-inch gas pipeline to improve system resiliency between New Canaan and Wilton and increase the availability of gas supply options. This connection allows natural gas to flow between the communities, making sure that gas is always there when customers need it. The project provides a link to potential access to natural gas in areas where clean efficient natural gas has not been an option.

What You Can Expect:

- Construction for this phase is scheduled to begin April 2022 and end in December 2022.
- The pipelines are to be constructed in the state or town rights-of-way. Most will occur in the road – resulting in minimal impacts to private property.
- Burns Construction has been awarded the contract and three crews will work on this project.
- Construction hours will occur Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Traffic control, including police officers, flaggers and signage, will help maintain safe work zones and ensure unobstructed passage for emergency vehicles.
- All school bus stops will remain at their current locations. The roadway will remain open for school buses and emergency vehicles. All other vehicular traffic will follow traffic control and posted detour routes.
- For residents living within the project area, please coordinate with Traffic Control for access to your property through the work area.
- The work on Route 106 will require the closure of a section of the road as shown on the included detour plans. In addition, electronic billboards will be installed to inform the public and provide daily updates throughout construction.
- Project updates including construction status, work schedule, changes in traffic patterns and detours will be posted weekly on Aquarion's website at www.aquarionwater.com/projects.
- All Eversource and Aquarion employees and contractors carry identification that they will gladly show.

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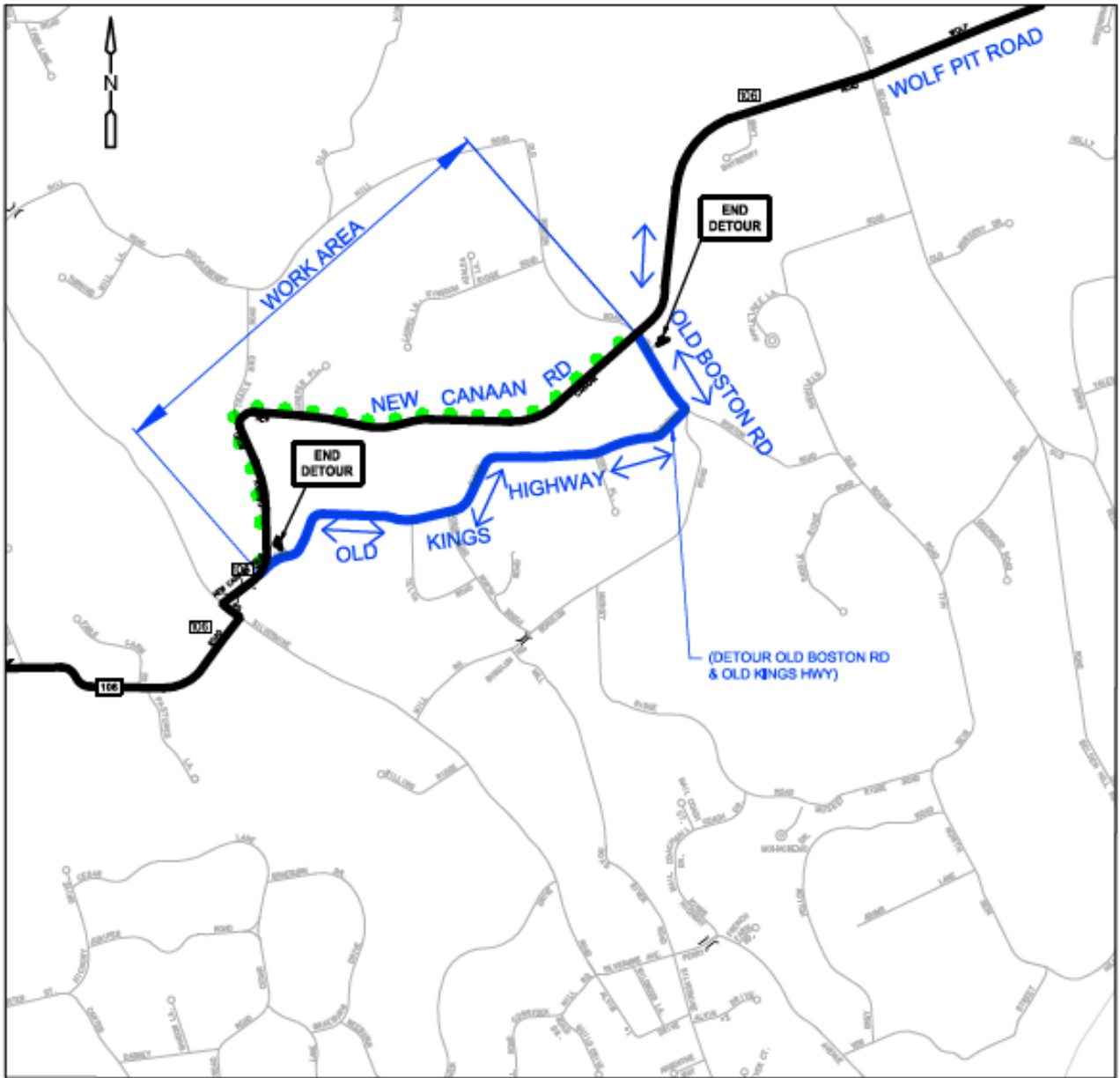
Aquarion Water and Eversource are committed to being good neighbors while we are in your neighborhood. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the Aquarion Water project representative Dennis Fields at 203-362-3057 or the Eversource project representative Ken Zembrzuski at 860-665-3452.



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