Project Update Forum May 4, 2021

Question	Response
What is the URL for that website?	https://mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/tpss-math-science-building/
At this time, are we considering the possibility for trucks going on Takoma Avenue or New York Avenue?	At this time the preferred plan will keep trucks on Fenton Street.
I appreciate the progress that has been made. I appreciate the efforts being made to address the commitments and things in general.	Thank you for your feedback.
Thank you for living up to the routing commitments.	Thank you for your feedback.
Of all the items discussed, what activities will cause the most noise and for how long?	The drilling operation for dewatering and sheeting and shoring will likely be the loudest activities. To lessen impacts of noise and vibration, BMC will drill piles, instead of drive piles (which is standard practice in many construction projects).
We are disappointed about dust control. The level of dust from demolition is high. How can that be controlled?	We have utilized two 3" hoses for dust control and have a water truck on the site to dampen surfaces and prevent strong winds from causing dust to become airborne. Demolition is now complete.
Thank you for your efforts for preventing trucks from going to Takoma Avenue. I don't understand the dewatering diagram. Can you explain that further?	The dewatering system pumps water similar to how a sump pump in a basement works. Through a series of underground piping, the water is pumped into a settling tank and then allowed to discharge through the sediment and erosion controls into the storm sewer.
A large amount of water hasn't been filtered out. Has that been taken care of?	The condition of the sediment and erosion controls are evaluated following each storm event. The Montgomery County Erosion Control Inspector visits the site regularly to check that the sediment and erosion controls are working appropriately. Recently, the county and city inspectors visited the site to request some materials be replaced and additional silt control measures be installed to supplement the previously approved measures. BMC complied.
Thank you for the information, especially for the people who live right across Takoma Avenue. It is stressful. The possibility of change puts people into a difficult position. Going forward I would suggest additional focus on how the communication process works with people that are impacted by the projects. Communicate when there's more certainty without making people worry unnecessarily for three weeks.	Thank you for your feedback.
I was informed that this new incursion into City property was again without City permission nor tree root protection. Apparently a BMC subcontractor installed an underground cable for wired internet service to BMC's construction trailer, running under or next to 4 City trees. BMC would like to hold Comcast accountable for not running the cable aerially, but they are ultimately responsible for supervising their subcontractors. How could they not notice the work going on just outside their construction fence and LOD stakes especially after they ordered service? Please add these 4 impacted trees to all those scheduled for treatment from your arborist for mitigation for illegal entry into the City grove to remove the 3 light poles. That should have been done from BMC's demolition side of the fence. Thank you.	Barton Malow ordered internet service for the site. BMC requested that Comcast coordinate the installation with BMC and that the installation be done without any ground disturbance. Comcast is a utility that is responsible to permit their work in any jurisdiction. Comcast failed to contact Barton Malow prior to commencing work. They also failed to obtain the approvals required by the City of Takoma Park. The City of Takoma Park has reached out to Comcast regarding the situation. The work did/does not impact any additional trees on the project and the project's arborist has reviewed this area.
I am getting concerned about the stormwater. Because it gets discharged down the house of New York Avenue, it's getting increasingly eroded. Are you expecting the groundwater to be flashy or a constant flow?	During construction, groundwater is pumped from a series of wells into a tank for filtration. The water is then gradually discharged through protectvie sediment control measures as required and approved by the City, County and State regulators. These protective measures include a weir tank (which captures sediment), silt fencing and filter socks, which prepare the water for gradual release to the storm drain system.

Has the groundwater pumping started already?	Prior to final demolition of Falcon Hall, the existing pumping system was in place and still in operation. That system has since been removed and currently the only water being pumped is rainwater that is ponding on the surface.
What is the baseline or benchmark for dewatering?	There is no baseline for dewatering as this is dependent on the environment. The water level within the ground varies depending on a variety of factors.
Just to add to what Peter said, the affected neighbors came to this meeting not expecting that you had solved the problem without needing to use Takoma Avenue. It would have saved us a lot of the anxiety that Peter mentioned had you let us know that in advance. This is one of those Bottom Line Up Front situations. Why not announce the good news first, and then go through the rationale afterwards?	Thank you for your feedback.
The biggest current concern is stormwater. If we can say there is a presentation in August, can we have something earlier once we get to dewatering? If there is big rainstorm at the same time, can we have a candid plan for where we are once the dewatering starts?	We have had multiple meetings on stormwater management to date, all materials can be found on the project website. During construction, water is captured through a series of wells for a tank for filtration and then gradually discharged into storm drains, through protective measures installed by the project, as approved by the City, County and State regulators. These protective measures include wells, a weir tank (which captures sediment), silt fencing and filter socks for gradual release of water to the storm system. As noted in the previous meetings, there will be numerous stormwater management facilities installed as part of the project where none exist today.
Very impressed with Dave's professionalism in all these discussions. He has been transparent and a problem solver during all these discussions.	Thank you for your feedback.