



## Maine Water’s 2021 Water Infrastructure Projects Enhance System Reliability and Water Quality Across the State

**Saco, Maine — May 14, 2021** — Maine Water Company (MWC) has announced 14 water infrastructure projects happening this year throughout the state. The company will invest over \$8 million to improve service and to replace water mains ranging in age from 46 to 134 years old.

“Proactive investment in infrastructure across Maine Water’s service areas benefit customers and communities not only through improved reliability and resiliency, but through improved hydraulics for fire protection, and, in some cases, increased water availability for economic development,” said Maine Water vice president Mark Vannoy.

Projects to be completed in 2021 include:

Community	Project
Biddeford	Saco River Drinking Water Treatment Facility
Bucksport	Franklin Street: Phase 2 of Water Main Replacement Project
Camden	Free Street Water Main Replacement
Freeport	Spring Street Water Main Replacement
Greenville	North & South Wiggin Street Water Main Replacement
Hartland	Mountain Road Water Main Replacement
Millinocket	Elm Street Water Main Replacement
Oakland	Libby Hill Road Water Main Replacement
Oakland	Pleasant Street Water Main Replacement
Old Orchard Beach	Washington Avenue Neighborhood Water Main Replacement
Rockland	Talbot Avenue Water Main Replacement
Rockport	Route 1 Water Main
Saco	Route 1 Water Main Replacement
Skowhegan	Kennebec River Pump Station & Intake Project
Skowhegan	Hathaway Street & South Factory Street Water Main Replacement

In addition, the new Saco River Drinking Water Treatment Facility, currently under construction in Biddeford, remains on schedule to begin serving customers in the spring of 2022. The new facility will replace the current facility, constructed in 1884. The current facility is exposed to flooding from the Saco River and engineering studies confirmed that new construction, over the long-term, would be a lower cost solution than renovations to the current facility.

More information on the Saco River Drinking Water Treatment Facility can be found at [MaineWater.com/NewWaterFacility](http://MaineWater.com/NewWaterFacility).

Many of the projects throughout the state are funded through Maine Water's Infrastructure Charge (WISC) program.

"WISC allows proactive water utilities like Maine Water to systematically plan and replace aging drinking water infrastructure," stated Vannoy. He added, "Through WISC, we are able to make regular investments in the replacement of aging water mains, valves, hydrants, storage tanks, treatment equipment, control systems and other assets that are needed to provide dependable water service. These investments enhance system reliability, water quality, public fire protection, and efficiency and reduce the amount of water lost to leaks." The costs of completed WISC projects are recovered through a surcharge on customer bills as authorized by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

The Company has coordinated with local officials on traffic and will work to minimize impacts to residents and businesses from these construction activities.

For more information on the 2021 infrastructure projects, please visit [MaineWater.com/current-projects](http://MaineWater.com/current-projects).

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#### About Maine Water

The Maine Water Company is a public water utility that owns 12 public water systems engaged in the collection, treatment and distribution of drinking water for homes, businesses and fire protection service. The Maine Water Company serves approximately 85,000 people in 21 communities across Maine.

For more information, visit [www.MaineWater.com](http://www.MaineWater.com).

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