



Friday, June 19, 2026

Cambridge Breaks Ground on Trenton Street Sewage Pumping Station Rehabilitation Project

Partners in the Trenton Street Sewage Pumping Station Rehabilitation project gathered at the work site today (June 18, 2026) to break ground. While preparation work has been happening over the last two weeks, the work starts in earnest after the holiday weekend.

This project, the rebuilding, rehabilitation, and modernizing of the pump station is an important project for the city. The Trenton Street Sewage Pumping Station is one of the most important pieces of infrastructure in Cambridge, receiving wastewater from two-thirds of the city. It is over 100 years old, and it is time for a major upgrade.

This project has been in the works for a long time, with city staff and resources shepherding it from the design work by GMB, to funding coordination and assistance from the Maryland Department of the Environment, to the bid award to Retallack and Sons in April 2026, and the final approval of the funding package and obligations by the Cambridge City Council at their June 8th meeting. "This project is part of our comprehensive plan to make sure the city infrastructure will serve its residents well into the next century," City Engineer Joel Leifer said.

At the brief ceremony, City Manager Glenn Steckman said, "This is the first of several projects that will need to be completed to enhance the city

infrastructure, not just for now but for the future generations. This is a major step in that process."

"Ninety-two years ago, the city decided we needed to invest in the Trenton Street pump station and here we are again," said Mayor Lajan Cephas Bey. "So, this is a very important decision this body is making. Thank you so much to our engineering department. . . Maybe now we'll have residents that are happier; it's supposed to mitigate the smell that they're experiencing. It's great. I'm excited."

The work on the Trenton Street Sewage Pumping Station is scheduled for completion in June 2027.



Trenton Street Team 2026

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Preview of the Monday, June 22, 2026 City Council Meeting

For first reading

[Ordinance No. 1274](#) establishes a real property tax credit for seniors, defined as a person 65 years old and eligible to receive the Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit. The credit equals 10% of the City of Cambridge real property tax imposed. There will be no application for this credit, except to file to receive the state credit.

For public hearing and council action

[Ordinance No. 1273](#) amends the provisions pertaining to the real property tax credit for public safety officers (Cambridge Police Department employed or Rescue Fire Company members - full-time employee or volunteer) of the city of Cambridge who maintain a primary residency within the city. It reduces the length of service for eligibility to: 1) one or more years as a sworn and certified police officer or one or more years as an employee or member of the Rescue Fire Company holding an Active, Life Active, or Life membership and maintaining annual voting point requirements for at least one year preceding the initial application and at the time of any reapplication. The public safety officer must have lived in the property for at least 6 months before the first application. The ordinance sets the credit to 100% of the real property taxes or \$2,500, whichever is less. The ordinance establishes that the credit does not expire, but continues throughout the length of service of the public safety officer. It also stipulates that each eligible officer must apply for the credit annually at the City Manager's office by May 1. The credit terminates in the year a public safety officer ends employment or membership.

Resolutions for consideration

[Resolution 26-09](#) supports the City of Cambridge's participation in the Sustainable Maryland Certification Program, which commits the city to "focus attention and effort within the City on matters of sustainability." It states that the Commissioners want to pursue initiatives and actions leading to Sustainable Maryland Municipal Certification. It also authorizes City of Cambridge Environmental Program Manager Andrew Koslow as the point person for the Sustainable Maryland Municipal Certification process and authorizes his completion of the registration process on the City's behalf.

[Resolution 26-10](#) authorizes the Commissioners of Cambridge to issue the bonds agreed upon on June 8, 2026 via Ordinance No. 1271. This will consist of two separate series of general obligation bonds.

One series will be in the form of a single installment bond for an amount not to exceed \$4,351,265. The other series in the form of a single bond not to exceed \$2,512,235. The proceeds for these bonds are to be used for the public purpose of financing or reimbursing costs of a wastewater system project generally referred to by the City as the Trenton Street Sewage Pumping Station Rehabilitation. This document includes Loan Agreements with the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration and agreements related to funding.

Item of note

Chief Justin Todd will make a presentation to the Council regarding the installation of speed cameras in two locations to encourage drivers to slow down.

Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, approximately two and one-half years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation declared the end of slavery in the United States and pledged the military to protect the freedom of the newly freed citizens, the slaves in Texas were freed with the issuance of General Order No. 3, which enforced the provisions of the proclamation by informing the people of Texas. In December 1985, the 13th Amendment codified that freedom from slavery of non-incarcerated people.

Juneteenth was a celebration of the abolishment of slavery. The first Juneteenth celebration took place in Texas in 1866. Early celebrations were called Jubilee Day and Freedom Day. As Blacks from Texas began to migrate across the country, the acknowledgement of the day and associated celebrations spread. Juneteenth became an official holiday in Texas in 1979. Congress passed legislation making it an official federal holiday in June 2021, with President Joe Biden signing the legislation on June 17, 2021.

City offices are closed to honor this moment in US history.

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