



CITY OF WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Public Works, Water Division
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Commissioners:
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Dear Resident:

Residents of the Knollwood area of Westfield are being sent this letter in order to inform you that the Department of Public Works-Water Division is in the process of awarding the fully designed project to replace the Provin Mountain water storage tank.

- **Why am I receiving this letter?**
 - This storage tank is located at the end of Cedar Lane and this letter is an effort to keep the neighborhood informed of the Department's plans to replace it.
- **Why is the tank being replaced?**
 - During planned rehabilitation efforts, the tank was found to require extensive repair and therefore temporary stabilization efforts were put in place and replacement design was initiated.
- **How will this affect the neighborhood?**
 - All construction activities will be on the existing land owned by the DPW-Water division, but there may be some disruption to neighbors with trucks entering and leaving the site during normal working hours.
- **When will this happen?**
 - Once a contract is awarded, work may begin as soon as weather allows and is expected to be complete within one year.

For more context, the DPW-Water Division inspects all of its water storage tanks periodically and identifies required maintenance and rehabilitation needs. As part of this process, East Mountain Tank was found to be in need of replacement and was designed to have the new tank constructed while keeping the old in service. In 2020, this construction was completed and the old storage tank removed with little disruption to service. As a follow up, the DPW-Water Division then proceeded to formulate a rehabilitation plan for the remaining three tanks: Northwest Road, Sackett Tank, and Provin Mountain.

It was during this rehabilitation work in 2021 that the Provin Mountain tank was found to require more extensive work to rehabilitate it and once the cost and expected life of those repairs was taken into account, it was determined that the tank should be replaced. Temporary repairs were made to keep the tank operational while a new tank could be designed and built.

If you have questions or concerns, you may call the DPW-Water Division at 413-572-6226. You may also attend the upcoming Water Commission meeting on January 2nd at 5:30pm.

Sincerely,

Francis Cain, Acting Director
Westfield Department of Public Works



Photo of East Mountain Tank (after)

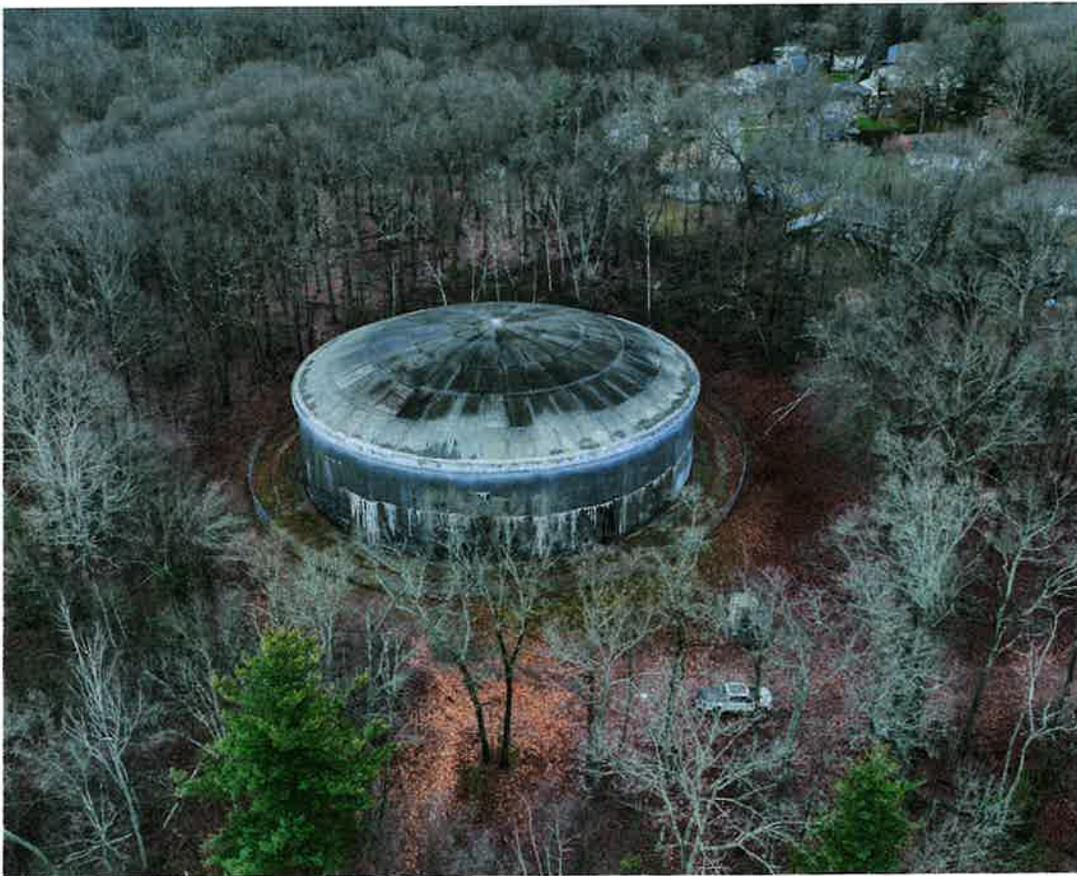


Photo of Provin Mountain Tank (before)