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AQUA TO REPLACE 11,100 FEET OF WATER MAIN ALONG SOUTHERN BLVD **Project aimed at improving service reliability**

STRUTHERS, OH—Aqua Ohio is investing \$2.3 million to replace over two miles of water main serving customers in Boardman Township. Construction has just begun and is expected to conclude by the end of June.

“This project is all about improving reliability,” said Aqua Ohio’s Area Manager Jennifer Johnson. “At Aqua, we’re continually evaluating our water mains considering age, materials, capacity and the history of leaks and breaks. Our goal is to strategically replace mains before they become major problems or widespread service interruptions.”

Work has begun south of Boardman Poland Road at York Avenue, across from Boardman Park. It will proceed south along Southern Boulevard to just beyond McClurg Road. Traffic will be maintained, but temporary lane restrictions will be required and drivers in the area are asked to use extra caution.

Crews will increase the diameter of 1,366 linear feet of water main from 10-inch to 12-inch main, the remaining 9,734 feet of main will remain 8-inch diameter. All the old cast iron main will be replaced with ductile iron pipe which is stronger and more corrosion resistant. Water service is expected to be maintained throughout construction. However, customers along the new main as well as those living on nearby side streets will experience short-term interruptions while 65 services are connected to the new main near the end of the project. Those customers will be notified by Aqua in advance of the planned interruptions.

Rudzik Excavating of Struthers, Ohio was selected to perform the work that is part of Aqua’s plan to invest more than \$31 million across Aqua’s 35 Ohio systems in 2023. Johnson said \$6.5 million of that amount is earmarked for the Mahoning Valley.

Aqua Ohio is the Buckeye State’s largest investor-owned drinking water and wastewater utility and serves about 500,000 customers in 19 counties. This includes about 60,000 people in the Mahoning Valley in the cities of Campbell and Struthers; villages of Lowellville, New Middletown and Poland; and Beaver, Boardman, Canfield, Coitsville, Poland and Springfield townships. Visit AquaAmerica.com for more information, or follow Aqua on Facebook at facebook.com/MyAquaWater/ and on Twitter at [@myaquawater](https://twitter.com/myaquawater).

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