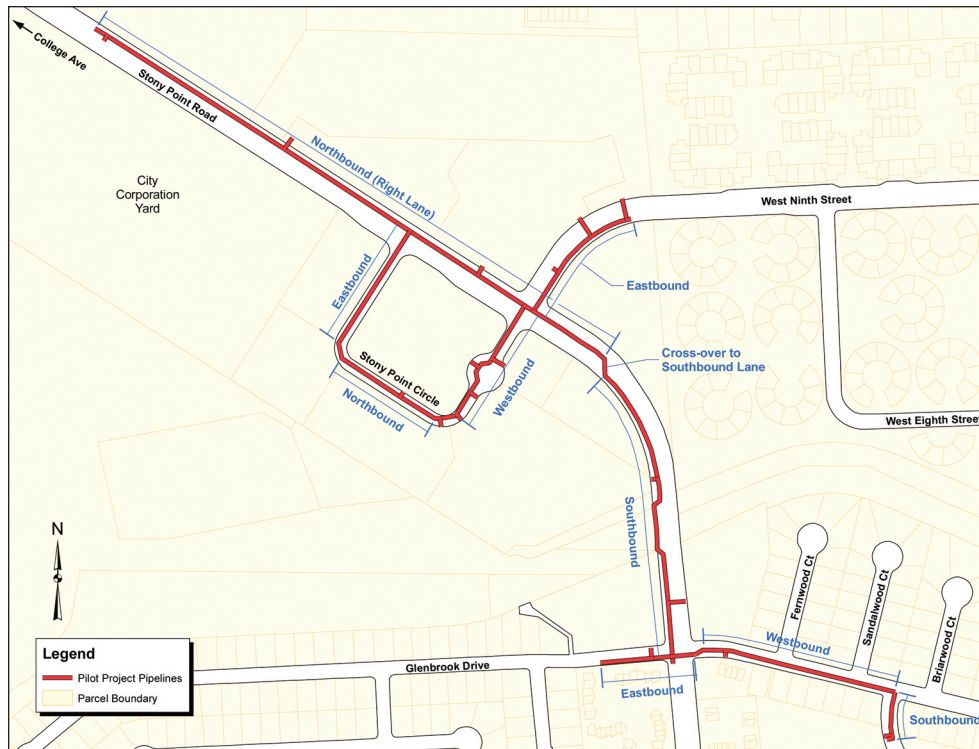




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Construction Begins on Pilot Project for Expanded Use of Recycled Water



Construction is scheduled to occur from January through June 2010, with the pipeline running along Stony Point between West College and Glenbrook. Access to all properties (business entrances and private driveways) will be maintained. (See map for actual construction route.)

For construction-related questions, please call Norman Amidon at (707) 543-3449

To receive construction updates via e-mail, please send an e-mail to Update@DataInstincts.com

The pilot project is fully funded through a combination of grant funding from the State of California and the Sonoma County Water Agency. The Utilities Department staff has been working with potential recycled water customers located along the pipeline route to connect their irrigation system to the recycled water supply.

Please share this information with your employees, customers, suppliers and neighbors. And please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

If you have questions about recycled water or for more information and updates on SRURP and other responsible recycled water projects being undertaken by your Utilities Department, visit www.SRCity.org/RecycledWater or call Jennifer Burke at (707) 543-3938.



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The Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities and City Council recently approved a pilot project that will expand the use of recycled water for irrigation purposes in urban areas such as parks, golf courses, commercial landscaping and street medians. Water reuse is beneficial because it reduces demand on other water resources, such as groundwater and the Russian River and its tributaries.

When construction of the pipeline is completed, the pilot project will use about 30 million gallons per year of highly-treated recycled water. The ultimate goal of the Santa Rosa Urban Reuse Project (SRURP) is to use up to one billion gallons per year of recycled water for urban landscape irrigation and other approved uses, thus saving the same amount of drinkable water for human consumption.

The Subregional Water Reuse System has been using recycled water for irrigation purposes for more than 40 years. Today, about one-third of Santa Rosa's tertiary-treated recycled water irrigates approximately 6,400 acres of agricultural crops and urban landscaping. The remainder is delivered to the Geysers steamfields where it is used to produce clean energy.

In Santa Rosa, recycled water is currently used at Finley Park, a Place to Play sports complex, and Oakmont Golf Course. Expanding urban reuse is a high priority for the City because it provides a drought-proof water supply for irrigation and other approved uses while saving potable water for purposes such as drinking and bathing and creating an environmentally-friendly method of disposing recycled water.