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Summer Intern Spotlight

Each year, Beckley Sanitary Board provides an opportunity for students and other early-career professionals to join our utility as interns. The BSB internship program helps strengthen our workforce and broaden our perspective, while investing in the next generation of environmental and public service professionals.

This summer, Beckley Sanitary Board had the pleasure of welcoming two interns to our team: Abigail, a WVU Environmental Community Planning student, and Gabe, a recent graduate of Shady Spring High School. These two driven young people jumped right in and made meaningful contributions to our work.

Abigail and Gabe spent much of their time investigating and updating the mapping of sewer pipes and other sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure in Beckley. They worked to locate these features and update them in our system's map. Maintaining these records provides important benefits to homeowners, businesses, and BSB staff, especially in the event of an emergency. Abigail and Gabe's efforts helped provide essential updates to BSB infrastructure mapping, including:

- 290 sanitary sewer pipes
- 216 cleanouts
- 85 manholes
- 38 storm drain inlets
- 34 stormwater pipes

Beyond mapping, BSB interns also assisted staff with a variety of projects, including:

- Inspecting sewer pipes using the Robotic Camera
- Surveying land for stormwater upgrades
- Maintaining pet waste stations
- Attending construction site inspections
- Inspecting stormwater pipes to prevent stormwater pollution
- And much more!

A huge thank you to Abigail and Gabe for their hard work this summer! Their contributions gave us valuable insight into the miles of sewer system we operate and maintain. We wish them both the very best in their future endeavors.

Interested in interning with Beckley Sanitary Board? Email jobs@beckleysanitaryboard.org or call 304-256-1760 to learn more about future opportunities.



Fall Leaves

As the leaves begin to fall, remember that when they pile up on storm drains, they can cause clogs and even localized flooding. Instead of raking or blowing leaves into the street, try bagging or mulching them to keep our neighborhood drains flowing smoothly.

Good news! The City of Beckley is hosting a FREE Leaf Pick-Up Day on November 17th!

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Stormwater Upgrades: Powered by BSB Crews

Crews here at Beckley Sanitary Board have been hard at work this summer upgrading and installing new stormwater infrastructure. Our talented in-house construction team has completed stormwater upgrades throughout our service area. To highlight a few, improvements to the stormwater system have been completed along Reservation Avenue, Woodlawn Avenue, and Park Avenue.

The project at Reservation Avenue replaced older failing stormwater inlets and pipe with a new system. The system was designed and installed to redirect stormwater out of residential property. This upgraded system will also support economic development along Harper Road.

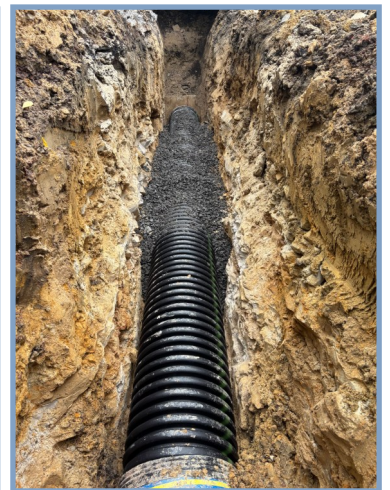
In Beckley's downtown area, BSB designed and constructed a stormwater extension along Woodlawn Avenue. Adding nearly 100 feet of upgraded storm pipe, this project will help better manage urban stormwater runoff in Uptown Beckley.

In connection with the construction of the new Park Middle School gymnasium, BSB completed an upgrade to the stormwater system crossing Park Avenue. The work included replacing an aging system of old metal pipe with upgraded pipes and drain inlets. This system will help manage stormwater for many years.

Through these select projects, our team has installed over 800 feet of pipe and 10 new inlets, poured around 20 tons of asphalt, and 70 yards of concrete. We are incredibly proud of those who worked hard to bring these projects to completion. These stormwater upgrades support our community as we continue to grow and change. For many years to come, these infrastructure improvements will help



manage stormwater flow, prevent and reduce flooding, and help prevent pollution in the watershed.



To report suspected stormwater pollution, please call BSB at 304-256-1760.