

Merrick Reinforcement Project

Overview*

Safety is paramount to National Grid. In the spring of 2019, we will begin the replacement of a recently installed 16-inch underground gas main in Merrick, New York. This project, known as the Merrick Reinforcement Project, will help improve safety and overall reliability, and provide Long Island's gas system with greater operational flexibility, allowing us to meet growing customer demand and support economic growth.

Why

In 2017 and 2018, we substantially completed the installation phase of a new 16-inch underground gas main in Merrick. This gas main had not been placed in service, and thus it did not contain natural gas. During this phase, one of the company's contractors ran a cleaning tool through the main, causing damage to the interior of the newly installed main. A subsequent evaluation of the interior of the main determined that it was damaged and its integrity was compromised and failed to meet National Grid standards for safety and reliability. As a result, we will need to replace the entire length of the gas main.

While the removal and reinstallation of the gas main will cause inconvenience to some neighbors, we have the responsibility to deliver safe and reliable gas service to our customers on Long Island. As such, we are constantly monitoring gas facilities and ensuring they meet the highest standards for integrity, reliability and safety.

Our Commitment

Recognizing the challenges that come with roadway construction in your neighborhood, we are committed to doing everything possible to keep neighbors informed and minimize inconvenience and disruptions to the greatest extent possible.

To that end, we will be launching a full-scale community outreach effort, including a community outreach team on site regularly to meet with neighbors and respond to questions and concerns, a full project website and local project outreach phone line and email address. We will also be initiating a weekly project newsletter aimed at informing residents and businesses of upcoming project work and traffic management alerts. We look forward to working with our neighbors in Merrick to reinstall the gas main as quickly and with as little impact as possible.

Project Benefits

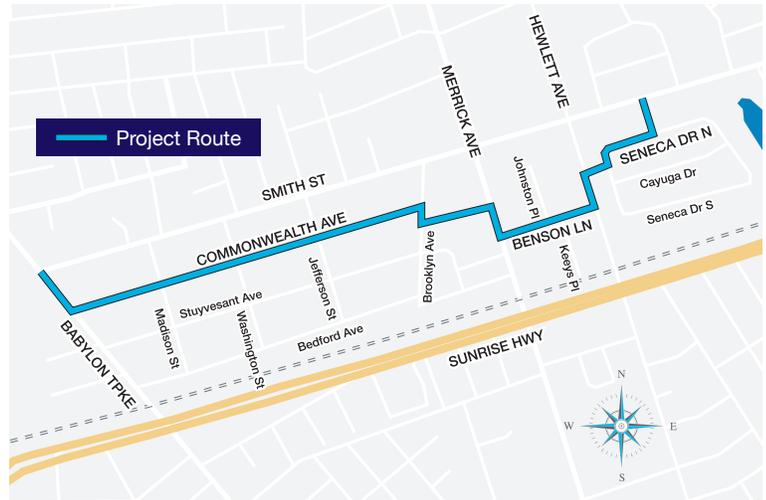
- A safer, more reliable and resilient natural gas system.
- Increased capacity in a gas constrained area.
- Potential for more oil-to-gas conversions.
- More independent control of local gas supply.

**Schedule subject to change*

(continued on back)

Merrick Reinforcement Project

Delivering safe and reliable energy to our customers is our top priority. That's why we're returning to our work site in Merrick and installing a new 16-inch gas main—at no cost to our customers. We look forward to working with our neighbors in Merrick to complete the project as quickly and with as little impact as possible. Once complete, this vital gas main reinforcement project will further strengthen our ability to continue to provide safe and reliable gas service to our customers on Long Island by increasing our operational flexibility in light of increasing energy demands in the region.



These Investments Will Focus On

Replacing a damaged 16-inch gas main to enhance the safety and integrity of our gas network on Long Island in order to accommodate the increasing number of prospective customers requesting oil-to-gas conversions and to support the economic growth of the region.

About National Grid

National Grid is the largest distributor of natural gas in the northeast US, serving customers in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and York. In downstate New York, National Grid provides service to more than 1.8 million customers in New York City (Brooklyn, Staten Island and parts of Queens) and on Long Island.

Contact Us with Questions



516-441-7619



www.NationalGridGasProjectsNY.com/Merrick



Merrick@NationalGridGasProjectsNY.com

Smell Gas. Act Fast.

Indoors or outdoors - know what to do. From a safe location away from the smell, call 1-800-490-0045 or 911 on Long Island and the Rockaway Peninsula.