

Press Release

The public is advised Water Street Park, located along Water Street in the Borough of Hellertown will be closed to the public beginning April 1, 2015.

In response to community need, The Borough of Hellertown, through its contractor, Whiting-Turner and design engineer, Barry Isett & Associates, will undertake a phased development of this park. Phases I and II will consist of utility connections and interior fit out for two new ADA accessible unisex restrooms, the construction of a new basketball court, expanded parking, rain garden and site landscaping. Additional improvements include entrance safety enhancements, concrete curbing, and stormwater management. The existing pavilion, playground and volleyball court will be maintained and re-opened for use, once the other park improvements are complete. The Saucon Rail Trail will remain open from Water Street north, however there will be no parking in this area until the project is complete. Folks who drive to the trail are asked to use the Walnut Street Parking area.

Hellertown strives to create a family-friendly environment for its residents and a positive experience for its visitors. The expansive development of an existing asset like Water Street Park will offer additional recreational opportunities for all.

These extensive improvements are being funded through various grant sources including the PA DCNR, DCED Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program, Northampton County Open Space, Monroe County Local Share, Lehigh Valley Greenways mini-grant, Northampton County CDBG and Main Street Lehigh Valley.

It is anticipated Water Street Park will remain closed to the public through the end of 2015 with a grand re-opening in Spring 2016. The Saucon Valley Farmer's Market is re-locating to the lot next to the Hellertown Area Library on Constitution Avenue for the 2015 season and will be back at the Water Street Park in 2016.

See you in Spring 2016!