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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: Road Closures within Valley Forge National Historical Park due to Wilson Road Force Main Sanitary Sewer Line Emergency Rehabilitation Project

Berwyn, PA – Tredyffrin Township is working on a major rehabilitation project to reline the existing Wilson Road Force Main (WRFM) Sanitary Sewer line that runs from Chesterbrook, through Valley Forge National Historical Park (VFNHP) to the Valley Forge Sewer Authority (VFSA) Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) on Pawling's Road. The WRFM has experienced three pipe failures in recent years and the pipeline is being rehabilitated under a consent decree which follows a strict schedule with PA DEP.

Due to the location of the force main, the operation requires the closing of two state roadways; Route 252 (Valley Forge Road) between the intersection of Route 23 and the Knox Covered Bridge, as well as Yellow Springs Road between Wilson Road in VFNHP to the intersection with Route 252. The Knox Covered Bridge will remain closed for the duration of the project. The planned road closures are located within the boundaries of VFNHP and posted detours will direct travelers around the construction areas. The PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit requires the Township's contractor to work efficiently to limit the time of each road closure.

The anticipated closure dates for the project are as follows:

- Route 252 (Valley Forge Road) – from the Knox Covered Bridge to Route 23: April 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016. The VFNHP Knox parking lot on Route 252 remains open to park visitors.
- Yellow Springs Road – from Route 252 (Valley Forge Road) to Wilson Road, including the Knox Covered Bridge: Will remain closed until July 31, 2016. The VFNHP Wilson Road parking lot remains open to park visitors.
 - Access to Library Lane and the Philander Chase Knox House in VFNHP will remain from Yellow Springs Road during the project.

For more information on this project, roadway detours and an up-to-date schedule, please visit <http://www.tredyffrin.org/> or call 610-644-1400. For information about access to park trails and facilities, visit www.nps.gov/vafo Future notices will advise citizens of any changes to this project schedule. Tredyffrin Township and its respective partner agencies understand the temporary inconvenience resulting from this improvement project, and are working to expedite construction and minimize impacts to residents and visitors to the area.