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City of Kingston Launches Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Applications now available!

KINGSTON, N.Y. – Mayor Steve Noble is pleased to announce the City of Kingston’s Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The City was awarded a grant of up to \$544,000 from the NYS Department of Health to identify and replace lead water service lines from the City’s main to homeowners’ water meters. While the City of Kingston drinking water does not contain lead, the corrosion of lead pipes can cause lead to leach into water flowing through the pipes in a home and potentially into drinking water. If a service line was last installed prior to 1940, it is likely that service line was made with lead. It is anticipated that the City will replace lead service lines in approximately 85 properties in 2019 and 2020.

The Lead Service Line Replacement Program will be free to most owner-occupied properties up to \$10,000. Non-owner occupied rental properties are eligible for assistance, but owners will be required to contribute \$750.00 towards the cost of the project.

Once an application has been submitted, the City will try to verify if the property has an eligible lead service line. Most replacement projects will be completed within one to two days. Water service will need to be turned off during the replacement project. Advanced notice will be provided prior to this service disruption. It is expected that the first round of lead service replacement projects will begin in Spring 2019 and will continue throughout the remainder of the year and in 2020.

Applications may be found on the Office of Community Development page of the city’s website, www.kingston-ny.gov. For additional assistance, please contact Arlene Puentes in the City of Kingston’s Office of Economic and Community Development at 845-334-3920 or at apuentes@kingston-ny.gov.

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