



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Walworth Avenue and Fox Meadow Road Transmission Main

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Q: What is the Transmission Main project?

Con Edison conducted a project (via contractor Network Infrastructure, Inc.) to install a gas transmission main along Walworth Avenue and Fox Meadow Road in 2021.

During that project, sections of some private sewer laterals were replaced where they crossed the gas main. The Village has been advised that in some cases, defects have developed in these replacements. Specifically, connections between new and existing sewer lateral pipes may have separated, or sections of the pipe(s) may have settled and sagged. For additional information, private sewer laterals are the underground pipes which connect the home's sanitary plumbing to the sewer main in the roadway.

Q: What is the timeline of events?

Summer 2021: Con Edison began the Gas Main Replacement Project, working along Walworth Avenue from Claremont Road south. As the project progressed, sewer laterals required relocation. Con Edison directed its contractor to perform the sewer lateral replacements and reconnections.

As part of this capital improvement project, Con Edison had their own inspectors for technical and quality control matters. Additionally, the Village retained an independent inspector to monitor the project. Based on subsequent failures, the Village believes that soil compaction performed during the backfilling and repaving phases by Con Edison or its contractors crushed multiple connections between the existing sewer laterals and the newly installed sections.

July 2024: The Village requested that Con Edison retain a Construction Management firm due to ongoing issues with the transmission main project, including the improper removal of Village drainage infrastructure and deteriorating road pavement conditions.

Summer 2025: The Village became aware of multiple sewer backups on Walworth Avenue. These backups appear to be associated with damage in the areas of the prior sewer lateral work performed as part of the Con Edison project. Superintendent of Public Works Jeff Coleman sent a formal letter to Con Edison's Corporate Affairs Manager requesting a reinspection of all sewer laterals repaired as part of the project.

Our understanding is that Con Edison initially directed its contractor to repair damaged sewer laterals as issues arose.

November 2025: Con Edison changed its response and began requiring affected residents to submit claims rather than facilitating repairs directly. Con Edison is requiring residents to file claims directly with its contractor.

Since September 2025: Superintendent Coleman has made multiple requests to Con Edison for additional information regarding these issues and the status of repairs. To date, no response has been received. Con Edison's project manager has since been removed from the project and a new project manager has not contacted the Village. The Village Manager, Mayor and Deputy Mayor have also been in touch with Assemblymember Amy Paulin and her office. The Assemblymember has been actively seeking a positive resolution for impacted homeowners.

What is the current status of the project?

There are several miles of pipe that still need to be installed, but Con Edison and its contractors are not actively working to complete the transmission main project in Scarsdale.

Has Con Edison Responded to these issues?

While Con Edison's contractor has previously repaired some of these issues when identified, we understand that Con Edison is now directing residents to submit claims to its contractor's insurance rather than arranging repairs.

Were the sewer laterals replaced with code compliant materials?

Yes, the installations were done with materials permitted under Village Code and inspected by the independent inspector retained by the Village. However, we believe that the method in which the areas were restored and repaved post-inspection resulted in subsequent sewer lateral defects.

Why hasn't the Village repaired the connections?

The work was done by a private contractor working for Con Edison. The damage that appears to have occurred was done to residents' private sewer lateral. Any damage caused directly or indirectly by Con Edison should be rectified by them.

The concept of a private sewer later is not unique to Scarsdale. Not only is it codified in Scarsdale Village Code § 244-12, but it is also consistent with neighboring municipalities, county and state law, and has been practice in Scarsdale for many decades.

What can the Village of Scarsdale do?

The Village continues to actively advocate for Con Edison to take responsibility in addressing these issues, collaborating with our partners at the State level including Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, and keeping residents informed regarding their options.

The Village has sent communications and hand-delivered letters directly to potentially affected residents, sharing this information so they can take timely steps to protect their property and their rights. The Village will continue to do whatever we can to assist and advocate for our residents regarding this issue.

I believe my property was affected, what can I do?

Only homes along the gas transmission main on Walworth Avenue and Fox Meadow Road are potentially impacted. However, because this work occurred several years ago, the statute of limitations may impact your ability to file a claim against Con Edison and/or its contractors. For that reason, you may wish to have your sewer lateral inspected (typically by a video inspection) to determine whether it has been impacted. You may also wish to consult with legal counsel to better understand available options.