RiverRenew Keeps Construction on Track While Maintaining a Safe Work Environment

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the RiverRenew Program is still on track to meet its legislative mandate of completion by July 1, 2025. To comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s protocol and Virginia’s Stay-at-Home order, AlexRenew has implemented teleworking procedures and team rotations to meet continuity of operations requirements for its critical infrastructure workers and keep construction work moving forward. Ongoing construction activities at AlexRenew’s wastewater treatment plant are essential to make way for the Tunnel System Project and meet the legislative mandate. To ensure that this work stays on schedule and to keep staff safe, strict protocols for site access were developed, alternate work schedules for contractors and construction management teams were established, and construction operations have been confined to discrete areas on-site. Currently, it is anticipated that ongoing construction work at AlexRenew will be complete by March 2021. To keep the community informed of our progress, we are ramping up RiverRenew's digital programming efforts - here's one of our featured videos.
Tunnel Project Closing in on Design-Build Team Selection

The Tunnel System Project is currently in the second step of its procurement process, which calls for confidential meetings with the Shortlisted Design-Build Teams. One of these teams will eventually partner with AlexRenew to design and construct the Project. Keeping the procurement process on track is critical to meeting the goals of the legislative mandate. These meetings are normally done in-person to enable open sharing of information. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, confidential meetings have transitioned to secure conference platforms in an effort for all parties involved to communicate openly, while also staying safe. As a result, we’ve seen successful meeting outcomes and useful discussions that will inform the Shortlisted Design-Build Teams’ design and construction approaches. AlexRenew is still on schedule to issue a Notice to Proceed to one of the Shortlisted Design-Build Teams in December 2020.

Solving a Century Old Problem with RiverRenew

Check out our Tunnel Project animation video to see how RiverRenew will improve the health of Alexandria’s waterways and provide a safe environment for the community.

Watch the Tunnel Project Animation Video Now
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