

Middletown Township Hosts Stormwater Improvement Project Meeting with **Langhorne Gables Residents**

Middletown Township, Bucks County — On Tuesday, August 26, 2025, Middletown Township Supervisors and staff joined project engineers and residents of the Langhorne Gables neighborhood for a community meeting at the Raymond P. Mongillo Community Center to discuss the upcoming \$1.8M Langhorne Gables Stormwater Improvement Project.

The meeting provided the nearly 100 residents in attendance with an opportunity to learn more about the project's goals, timeline, and impacts while also raising questions, sharing concerns, and voicing frustrations about stormwater challenges in the neighborhood. Township staff and engineers worked side by side to explain how the project was developed, why it is being implemented in this manner, and what residents can expect in the months ahead. The town hall style meeting offered an intimate setting for residents to partner and collaborate with their local government.

"Because residents are helping fund this project through the Stormwater Impact Fee, it's important that they see exactly where those dollars are going," said Mike Ksiazek, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. "Our commitment is to be accountable, transparent, and responsive as we deliver the improvements that our community needs."

The evening featured open and transparent dialogue among residents, and township staff. Township Manager, Eden Ratliff, emphasized the Township's commitment to honesty and communication, while engineers walked residents through detailed project maps and schedules. Individual property owners were able to speak directly with engineers about how the project may affect their homes.

Key assurances were also provided:

- Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of September 8, 2025, and will run through February 2026.
- Driveway access will be maintained throughout construction.
- Trash collection and emergency services will not be interrupted.
- Residents whose properties are directly impacted by construction will receive door hanger notices from the contractor 24–48 hours in advance of work beginning.

"This project was carefully designed to address long-standing stormwater challenges in the Langhorne Gables neighborhood, prioritizing areas currently experiencing the most property damage," said Dominic Cundari, Remington & Vernick Engineers Project

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Manager/Assistant Township Engineer. "We've planned it in a way that improves drainage while minimizing disruption to residents' daily lives."

In addition to project-specific details, the meeting served as an educational opportunity. Township staff explained how the improvements align with state-mandated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) stormwater quality regulations and provided updates on the Township's broader stormwater program, including projected costs over the next five years and the role of the Stormwater Impact Fee. These projections may be adjusted if additional grant funding is awarded. The Langhorne Gables project is also supported by a \$744,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) PA H2O Grant Program.

The evening also included a lighter community moment. The Township partnered with Alphonso's Italian Water Ice, a local favorite, to offer residents a sweet treat at a discounted price. Water ice flavors were renamed for one night only with playful, stormwater-inspired names such as Longview Lemon and Stormwater Slush.

Residents were encouraged to continue reaching out with questions and to work with engineers on individual concerns, especially as the Township prepares for Phase III of the project, which will be an expansion of the system implemented in the two phases.

"This is a priority infrastructure project often discussed in the context of regulatory frameworks and funding mechanisms, however at its core, it is about solving critical challenges for our neighbors," said Township Manager, Eden Ratliff. "We want our residents to feel informed and supported as the work begins, and we're committed to keeping lines of communication open every step of the way."

To view the documents provided at the meeting and to learn more information about this Stormwater Improvement Project, visit: www.middletownbucks.org. Residents with specific questions or those seeking additional information about the Langhorne Gables Stormwater Improvement Project, may contact Geri Anderson from the Middletown Township Department of Public Works at 215-943-2900 x3300 or ganderson@middletownbucks.org.

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