

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



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Water Supply Update

Work continues on the Campmeeting water supply project. Additional tests are being conducted to assess the quality of water produced by well #2, which is currently unused. The tests will help us decide if we should incorporate well #2 into our system as an additional water source. Initial results are encouraging, but more tests are needed before we can make a final decision.

Our engineering firm, HRG, submitted all project plans and drawings to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in July, and we hope to receive DEP approval in the coming months. Once the plans are approved, HRG will put the project out to qualified contractors for bid. The bidding process will likely take several months.

Once we receive DEP approval, we can also take steps to secure financing. We continue to view PennVest, the Commonwealth agency that assists communities with funding of water supply projects, as our best option for a low-interest loan. Due to the complexity and technical nature of the loan application process, we plan to enlist HRG to ensure that all of the t's are crossed and i's are dotted on our application. Financing through PennVest could save us hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest over the course of a loan as compared to other financing sources. Obviously, there are many variables, but our best estimate is that we could break ground on the project in late Summer of 2022 with completion sometime in the Fall.