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## **Congressman Joe Courtney Visits Connecticut Water's Water Main Replacement Project in Tolland**

**TOLLAND, Conn., Oct. 19, 2018** -- Second District U.S. Representative Joe Courtney visited Connecticut Water's water main replacement project in the Heritage Woods neighborhood of Tolland this week. Congressman Courtney's visit focused on the infrastructure investments being made by the company in its water systems to enhance reliability and water quality, the work of the skilled men and women in the construction trades who build these systems, the local jobs created by that investment, and the coordination of the project with town road projects.

"We appreciate that Congressman Courtney took the time to visit the construction site in Tolland," said Craig J. Patla, Connecticut Water's vice president, Service Delivery. Patla further stated, "Our water system infrastructure provides clean, safe drinking water for families and communities. This specific project was coordinated with a Town of Tolland road repaving project. We are able to replace our aging water main before the road is repaved, which allows company funds and tax dollars to be used most efficiently."

The Heritage Woods water main replacement project is replacing 1.6 miles of water main installed in the 1940s and 1950s at a cost of \$1.7 million. The project is being funded through the Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment. Through WICA, customers pay a modest surcharge on their water bills to fund the replacement of aging water mains and eligible water conservation initiatives.

In 2018, more than \$17.3 million is budgeted by Connecticut Water from WICA projects in Connecticut. According to the Connecticut Department of Community and Economic Development, this level of investment supports 180 jobs.

Since the inception of the WICA program in 2007, Connecticut Water has invested more than \$150 million and replaced about 130 miles of water main with an average age of 76 years. Connecticut Water owns 1,600 miles of water main across the state.

Also on hand for Congressman Courtney's visit were Kevin Plourde, P.E., president of D&G Contractors in Plainville, which is the contractor on this project; David Stavens, owner of Barber Utilities in Ellington; Barb Dimauro, executive director of the Utility Contractors Association of Connecticut; Dan Lesnieski, Connecticut Water's infrastructure rehabilitation manager; and Art Plante, Connecticut Water's infrastructure rehabilitation coordinator on the Heritage Woods project.

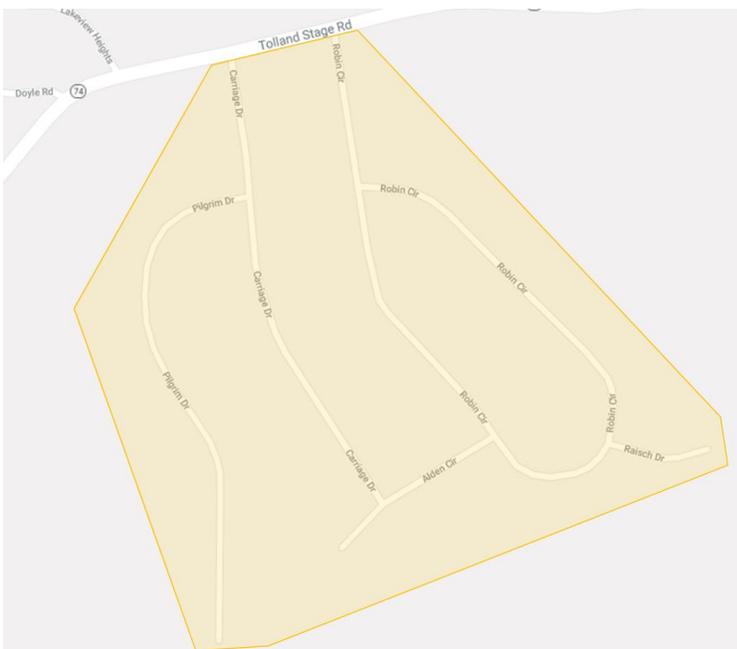
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From left to right: Kevin Plourde, P.E., of D&G Contractors; Second District Congressman Joe Courtney; and Dan Lesnieski, Connecticut Water's infrastructure rehabilitation manager, on Pilgrim Drive in Tolland on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

**Map of the Heritage Woods neighborhood:**



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