

BOONTON ONE SEGMENT DONE



Temporary pipes, near the intersection of Washington and Monroe streets, handle sewage in Boonton this week. JUSTINA WONG/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

More work ahead on sewage project

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BOONTON — A sewage pipe relining project that began in early May and spilled a million gallons of waste into Monroe Street homes is still under way, said Edward Ho, executive director of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority.

The authority has contracted with Missouri-based InSituform Technologies to reline a 48-inch sewage pipe that starts across from the municipal building on Washington Street. Pumps force sewage above ground into temporary pipelines so the underground pipes can be relined.

The Monroe Street segment was completed last weekend and surface pipes there have been removed, allowing residents to access their driveways, Ho said. There are still above-ground pipes on Monroe Street near the Chase Bank.



Traffic keeps flowing in downtown Boonton as work on a sewage pipe relining project continues. Temporary pipes have been removed on a portion of Monroe Street.

Pipes remain on Washington Street, and the contractor is expected to come up with an alternate method for relining the sewage pipe in that zone by the end of next week, Ho said. Ho will not know until then when the final portion of the project will be finished.

On May 18, a million gallons of sewage is estimated to have spilled into the basements and yards of two Monroe Street homes after three bypass pumps failed as they pushed raw sewage into the temporary above-ground pipes.

Steven Austin, Boonton's health administrator, said the two homes remain uninhabitable until cleaning crews, which have been hired by the contractor, are finished sanitizing the properties.

When cleanup crews are done, a company will test to make sure the homes are sanitized and the health department can then certify the homes as liveable.

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