



South Alburgh Fire District #2

January 2023

Water Project Update

Happy New Year & THANKS to all the great members and volunteers currently working on and contributing to the Phase 2 expansion. We had a project review with state and federal regulators on December 22. They understand the critical need for clean drinking water in Alburgh and support is solid. We also discussed the need, in the face of inflation and uncertain future spending, the need on current schedule:

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| 1. Design complete: | 1/23 |
| 2. Permits & approvals: | 6/23 |
| 3. Request for bids: | 8/23 |
| 4. Evaluate & award: | 10/23 |
| 5. Begin construction: | 11/23 |
| 6. Complete construction: | 8/24 |
| 7. Begin operations: | 10/24 |

PROGRESS

We continue to accept new deposits and the list of Phase 2 customers is growing. We need a minimum of 85 prior to start of the construction and given how briskly we are moving, certainly appears doable. Several changes have been made to accommodate current conditions such as: adjusting alignment slightly to account for archeological issues, terrain and minimizing road disruptions as well as the need to add a chlorine booster station at beginning of Phase 2.

The Team has been working with select customers and property owners to work through some minor issues, making several field visits (see photos). Everyone has been very cooperative and we appreciate everyone's patience as we work through the usual issues encountered on a project of this

scope. Note: Phase 2 alone is over 8 miles long and projected to cost \$6.1M, once complete (about 50% will come from a Federal matching grant).

SAFD2 recently approved several ordinance changes to enhance customer value: Limited-Service Lines will allow nearby customers, who are a long distance off the main water line, to share a smaller (2"?) private line, thereby significantly reducing cost. Also, we have approved "inactive account status" which will allow customers to pay for a service drop installation upfront at the reduced cost of \$1500 (\$2500 if done after construction has begun). These inactive customers will not have to begin water service or any payments until, at some later date, when they determine they need the town water. This is a big advantage to all homes that are across the road from the line as construction team will have the equipment and ability to push pipe under road without additional cost to the customer.

Quality Water

This continues to be a major challenge for most town residences, whether using lake or well water. We have compiled those water quality issues here and welcome more submissions:

http://www.safd2.org/uploads/2/4/3/2/24321055/letters_from_alburgh_residents_1.pdf

Focus Activities

The Team is currently focused on wrapping up the required easements. This is vitally important as we cannot go out for bids until all are signed, notarized, and recorded with

the town office. PLEASE work with us to get yours done ASAP.

Also, SAFD2 has decided to move our accounting to **QuickBooks** on-line. We are in need of a local expert that can help us set-up and train our team to most efficiently use it. If you have experience and would like to earn a little extra money while helping your community, please reach out to use at address or number below.

Our next meeting is Monday, 1/16/23 at 6:30 PM in the town office. Please join us!

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Monthly meetings every 3rd Monday of each month

Check us out on the web!

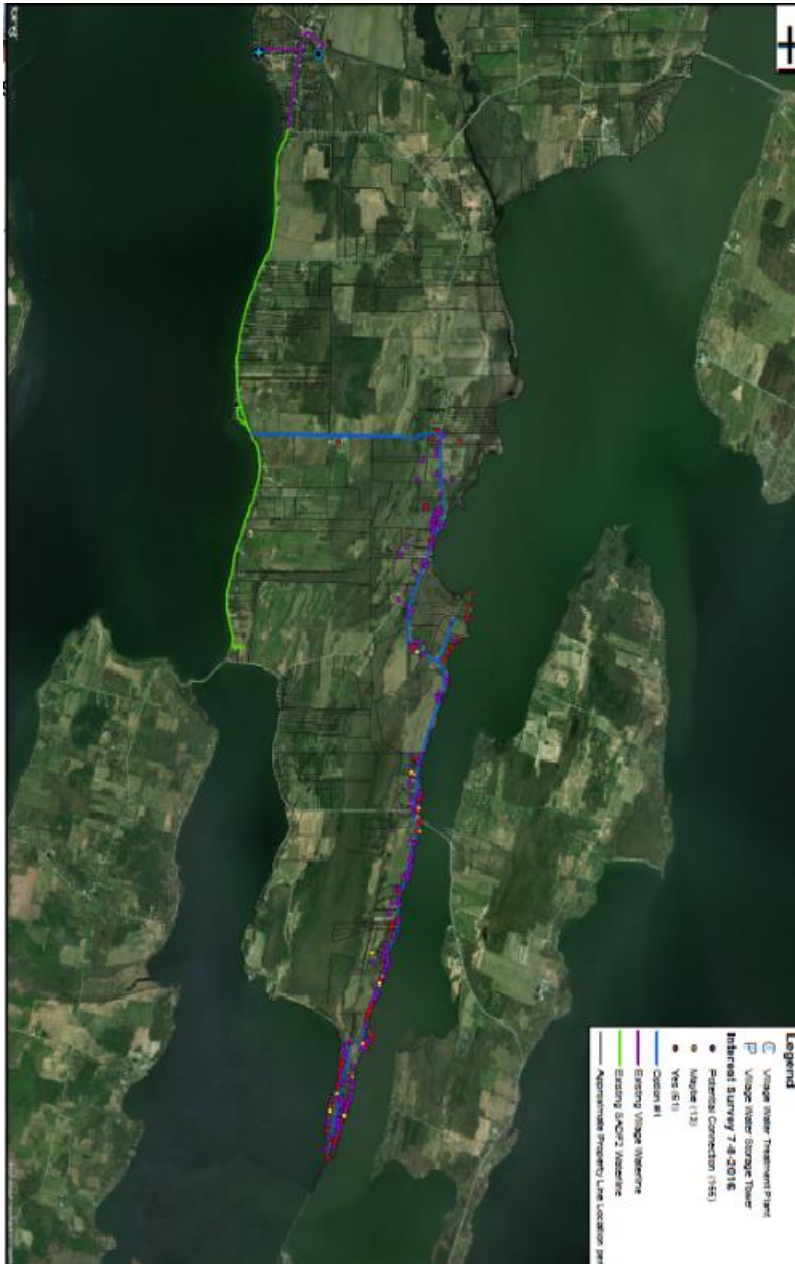
<http://www.safd2.org>

Also, it is the board's intent to consider further expansion past Phase 2. Please reach out if you're interested in volunteering!

The Team!

As volunteers, Prudential Committee members are Chair John Fitzgerald, Tony Speranza, and Alton Bruso. Richard Ernst serves as the district treasurer and Danielle supports us part-time. Meetings are held in the municipal conference room and are 100% open for the public to attend.

Phase II Alignment (Note: design is complete & frozen)



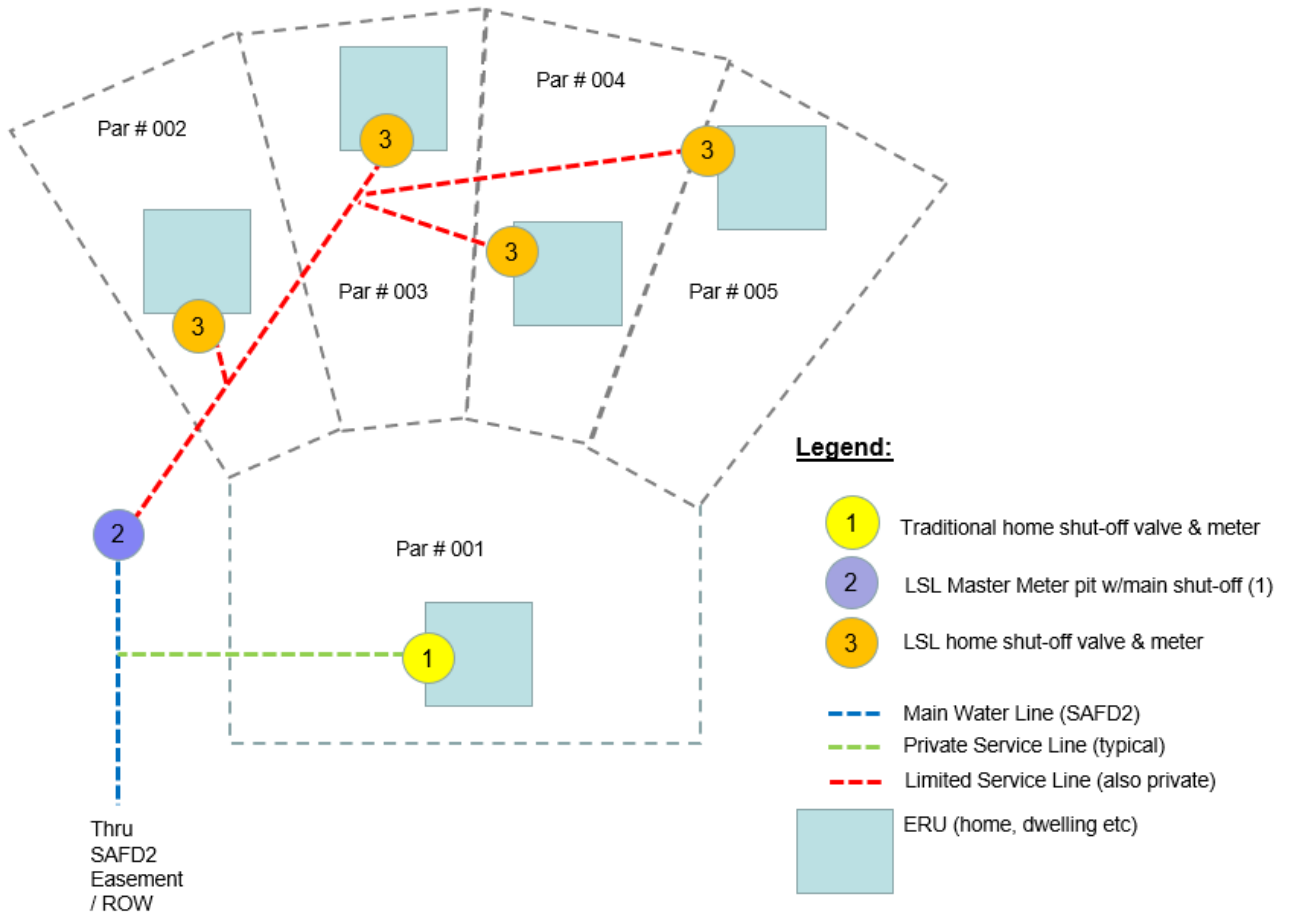
This map illustrates the proposed Phase 2 route in **Blue**. It will travel east along Middle Road, reach US Route 2 and head south. There would be a spur line to Wagner Point, and reach the area of Poor Farm Road, Cedarvale Estates, and Point of Tongue Road.

The current waterline already in place down West Shore Road and a bit down Route 129 is indicated in **Green**.

SAFD₂ was originally authorized to borrow/spend up to \$6.9M. Although inflation & complexity have added to Phase 2 costs, it is still our hope we would have a little money left over to initiate a Phase 3, somewhere in Alburgh? Please contact us if you are in need & would like to start working with us on it.

10/10/22: Limited Service Line (LSL) PROPOSAL (1 of 2):

Typical Layout: NOT to scale



Typical "field visit" with town, engineers, owners, and committee members: Always very informative and productive!

