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WAPA to Rehabilitate Water Infrastructure in Ross Estate Community



Image: Map of the Ross Estate Waterline Rehabilitation Project area on St. Thomas.

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (September 21, 2026) – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or the “Authority”) announces the Ross Estate Waterline Rehabilitation Project, with construction scheduled to begin today, September 21, 2026. The project will improve and expand the potable water infrastructure serving the Ross Estate community.

Funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), with WAPA receiving \$500,000 to support its completion, the project includes the installation of approximately 1,320 linear feet of new water main, along with new service connections, valves, fittings and fire hydrants. The work will also include capping existing waterlines and hydrants and restoring paved and landscaped areas disturbed during construction.

The project is expected to be completed in December 2026. Upon completion, the improvements will enhance water quality, support more consistent water pressure and flow throughout the Ross Estate community, and expand the potable water network, allowing more customers to connect to WAPA's potable water service.

As construction progresses, there may be temporary impacts to roadways, properties and water service within the project area. Customers will receive advance notice of planned service interruptions and other construction-related impacts through [WAPA Alerts](#).

WAPA appreciates the community's cooperation as the Authority works to improve potable water infrastructure and service for Ross Estate residents.

The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Communications Department is committed to reaching, informing and connecting with the youngest members of the community to the eldest through meaningful, transparent and effective communication.

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About WAPA: The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.