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## **Kentucky American Water Upgrading Century-Old Mains on Park, Orchard and Clay Avenues and West 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Lexington, Ky., (Aug. 15, 2017)** – Kentucky American Water has started another round of projects to replace old water mains. The latest projects, which total approximately \$1.5 million in investment, include mains on Park Avenue, Orchard Avenue, Clay Avenue, and West 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Lexington.

The water mains located on the 300, 400 and 500 blocks of Park Avenue and the 600 block of Orchard Avenue date back to between 1907 and 1914. Those on the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of Clay Avenue date back between 1906 and 1907. The water mains being replaced on West 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Smith Street and North Upper Street were installed in 1897 and 1913. The upgrades will enhance hydraulic capacity in mains that serve these areas and eliminate discolored water caused by natural buildup in pipes that occurs over time.

During construction there will be periodic impact to traffic within the work areas. Motorists are encouraged to keep safety in mind and use extra caution when traveling along these roads to protect themselves, crews and other motorists. Crews will work diligently to move the projects along in a manner that provides as little inconvenience as possible without sacrificing quality or safety, working section by section as much as possible.

The projects on Park, Orchard and Clay are scheduled for completion by the first week in December. West 4<sup>th</sup> Street should conclude by mid-October. Inclement weather could extend the time needed to complete these projects.

These projects are part of the company's ongoing water system improvement efforts to ensure quality, reliable water service for its customers. Such projects total about \$20 million annually.

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### **About Kentucky American Water**

Kentucky American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately half a million people. The company earned Best Place to Work in Kentucky honors in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. For more information, visit [www.kentuckyamwater.com](http://www.kentuckyamwater.com).

### **About American Water**

Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. Marking its 130th anniversary this year, the company employs more than 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found at [www.amwater.com](http://www.amwater.com).

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