The City of Newport Water Division, as part of its ongoing infrastructure replacement program, identified the raw water main constructed in 1942, crossing through what is now regulated wetlands, between the Maidford River intake structure and Gardiner Pond in need of replacement. The integrity of this 30" diameter gravity raw water main is vital in order to access Newport Water's water supplies at Paradise and Gardiner Ponds located in Middletown. The work in Contract #15-007 will reroute the approximately 3300 feet of 30" water main within the roadway of Paradise Avenue and Hanging Rock Road. A contract in the amount of \$2,365,100.00 was awarded to C.B. Utility Company in August, 2014 for the project. The raw water main improvement project is part of the Capital Improvement Program and funding is included in current water rates. The work is scheduled to begin in September 2014 and all work will be completed in May 2015.