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West Side Interceptor ~ Portland, ME

R. J. Grondin & Sons recently broke ground on a sewer main replacement project awarded by the City of Portland, Maine. The \$4 Million Dollar overhaul of some of the city's oldest infrastructure lies within the confines of the Capisic Watershed and is a neighbor of Casco Bay, both of which require an awareness of potentially serious environmental concerns.

The "West Side Interceptor" project consists of the removal of the city's deteriorating sewer mains and replacement with 5,600 feet of 60 inch diameter "HP-Pipe" manufactured by ADS/Hancor, Inc.

HP-Pipe is a triple-wall, high density, polypropylene pipe that provides the most significant benefits of this project, competing against Concrete. Its twenty foot lengths, water-tight, double-gasketed bell and spigot configuration, along with its favorable weight characteristics, have proven to be important factors in improving production for Team Grondin.

The entire project has been a team effort. The design and specifications come from the City of Portland; Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers; and Deluca-Hoffman

Associates, Inc. Ken Grondin, his son, Jeff, (Team Grondin Superintendent on the job), and their whole crew have worked closely with both ADS/Hancor and Team EJP. Value engineering has proven its ability to help meet stringent time lines and overall project goals.

Look for the project to be completed by the fall of 2010. With many more challenges ahead, Team EJP and R. J. Grondin & Sons will work together to complete the largest sewer project of its kind on the east coast.

As with any large combined effort, many thanks must be extended. Team EJP would like to thank the City of Portland; Gorrill-Palmer; Deluca-Hoffman; and R. J. Grondin & Sons for their successful collaboration as a team throughout the life of this project.



Have a safe and happy fall!

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EJP Salutes Our Troops

Dear Team EJP,

I hear it has been in the 70's and 80's with rain this late summer! We haven't seen rain or temps that low since we left Fort Dix.

The picture of the group (TOP LEFT) shows most of my team leaders and me:

In the back row (left to right) are: Sgt. Loughrey, Ssg Carleton (squad leader), Sgt Ross, Spc Belanger, Cpl Johnson, and Sgt Lessard. In the front row (left to right) are: Sgt. White, Sgt. Clement, Sgt. Kelly, and myself, Sfc Dudley.

The other photo (BOTTOM LEFT) is of our housing or as we call it: "the ghetto". Not bad! Beats living out of our trucks as we did last time!

"Live for something rather than for nothing." George Patton

SFC JASON DUDLEY, 94'TH MP CO DET, NE National Guard
(Jason Dudley is Bryan Flagg's step son. He is on his second tour in Iraq.)



Team Red Hed and Team EJP Downsizing Meters in Pittsfield, MA

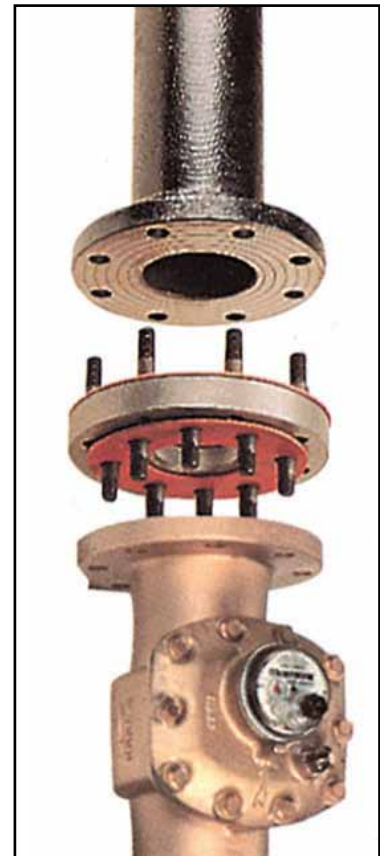
The Commissioner of Public Works from the City of Pittsfield, MA, Bruce Collingwood, in consultation with Tim Croce, Pittsfield's Environmental Engineer, decided that the timing was right to discuss downsizing the meters in their city. Bruce contacted Peter Hull from the Team EJP Pittsfield office, and this new project was born.

Peter reviewed what Pittsfield had in mind and decided to involve Rob Lawton of Team Red Hed, a Division of EJP located in Lincoln, RI. Rob's consulting expertise with respect to all things brass is widely known, and Rob readily agreed to collaborate.

Rob and Peter met with the customer to complete their fact finding. Then they worked together to develop the solution that met all the requirements for Bruce and Tim. Their combined effort and experience was a key factor in the City's decision to accept their proposal.

Red Hed Lead Free Brass downsizing hardware on Pittsfield's 5/8" through 2" meters was recommended. For larger meters 3" and above they proposed installing patented Red Hed Space Saver Flanges. This proved to be the winning combination!

Team Red Hed and Team EJP Pittsfield would like to say "Thank You!" to Bruce and Tim for putting their trust in us to provide both the product knowledge and the right products to complete the project on time and on budget!



Red Hed 6" to 4" Reducing Flange

EJP Projects

Eagle Scout Stream Diversion

To fulfill his Eagle Scout service requirements, Will Defeo (age 17) of Troop 1607, coordinated a stream diversion and bank restoration project at Veterans' Hall in Southbury, Ct. Will had noticed over a number of years that the stream bank outside of the Veterans' Hall had been disappearing into the waters of the stream which run along the side of the property and eventually empty into Lake Zoar. This erosion impacted about 80 feet of the property exposing rocks and tree roots and making it difficult for people to use and enjoy the otherwise picturesque banks of the stream.

With design assistance from Steve Trinkaus of Trinkaus Engineering, Will's troop worked to divert the centerline of the stream. Team EJP of Vernon, CT, donated 60 feet of 8 inch diameter Coir Logs to the troop's effort. In addition to the diversion, the troop was able to re-establish vegetation along both banks to prevent future land loss. Several Scout members worked with Will to successfully complete their project on Father's Day weekend.



Both Trinkaus Engineering and Will credited the effectiveness of the donated Coir Logs for greatly reducing the sediment entering the stream. In addition they were thankful to the staff of Team EJP Vernon for their help and guidance.

Team EJP Vendor Appreciation Day

American Flow Control (AFC) Receives Top Vendor Award

Each year the Managers of Team EJP select their top vendor for that year. This year's winner was American Flow Control. AFC and EJP have a long and successful relationship dating back to the mid 1980's. Congratulations AFC! This year was the Ninth Vendor Appreciation Day. The event started with lunch and golf at the Augusta Country Club and finished with a banquet at the Augusta Civic Center.

This is incorporated with our annual fall Managers' meeting. Seventy two vendors attended the golf outing with twenty five Team EJP golfers. One hundred vendors attended the banquet honored by forty Team EJP personnel. Entertainment was a roast of Peter Prescott, CEO of Team EJP, honoring his fifty years in the waterworks industry.



Names L to R; Peter Prescott, Mike O'Brien, Thomas Carroll, Steve Prescott, John Hagelskamp, Andy Gidney, Brad Guillerm, Michael Ganem, Bill Smith, and Stan McCurdy

Geosynthetic Tube Project in Wallingford, Connecticut

Wallingford, CT—All Habitat Services, LLC, a contractor based in Madison, Connecticut, partnered with Team EJP in the implementation of a large dewatering operation at a research facility in Wallingford.

Over a 15 year period, detention ponds on the property had gradually accumulated sediment, and that sediment ultimately had to be removed.

Dave Roach, General Manager of All Habitat Services, attended a Team EJP Coastal Erosion Control workshop at South Kingstown, Rhode Island on February 24 of this year. He had been invited to attend by Team EJP's Todd Hollenbach, manager of our Vernon, Connecticut store. Following that workshop the planning for the Wallingford project got under way in earnest.

The project involved dredging sediment from two large detention ponds on the property and pumping the slurry to a series of very large geosynthetic tubes. The tubes were 45 feet in circumference and 100 feet long. These dewatering devices are designed to hold sediment while allowing water to release through the tube walls. Polymers were also injected into the system to further clarify the water. At the end of the chain, clean water was then returned to the ponds. The contrast between the sediment filled water pumping toward the tubes and the clean water being released into the ponds was very dramatic.

The tubes were installed in a large lay down area covering 43,800 square feet, or nearly an acre. The lay down area was lined with an impermeable geosynthetic liner, which was then covered by a geonet drainage composite. The geonet core was installed to provide drainage underneath the geosynthetic tubes.

The geosynthetic tubes themselves were provided by Team EJP vendor partner Geosynthetics, Inc. of Waukesha, Wisconsin. Mike Groh of Geosynthetics, Inc. visited the jobsite early on to assist with installation of the complex dewatering system. Team EJP's sales team worked closely with All Habitat Services and was onsite often during the execution of the project.

The project was the first of its kind for Team EJP. Once again, the value of teamwork between our suppliers, our customer and our own dedicated employees produced a successful solution to a very complex problem.



Know H₂OW® IV Seminar Series Scheduled for 2011

Team E. J. Prescott's winter seminar series titled "Harnessing the Power of Water" has been mapped out with eight training events locked in. In addition to six full-day seminars, the company will also host two Coastal Erosion Control Workshops which will kick off the series. Those will be held in Plymouth, Massachusetts on April 5, 2011 and in Ipswich, Massachusetts the following day.

The full day training events will feature classroom instruction, interactive breakout sessions, and hands-on opportunities. The seminars will explore problems and solutions relative to waste water, drinking water, and storm water. With new technology emerging rapidly to deal with all these issues, the need for education has never been stronger.

Those who attend the events will receive cutting edge information, unlimited networking opportunities, and professional development hours.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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Tuesday, January 11, 2011	Evansville, Indiana
Wednesday, January 12, 2011	Mason, Ohio
Thursday, January 13, 2011	Findlay, Ohio
Tuesday, March 22, 2011	Sturbridge, Massachusetts
Wednesday, March 23, 2011	Nashua, New Hampshire
Thursday, March 24, 2011	Portland, Maine

Over the past three years, thousands of engineers, architects, waste water operators, water operators and other construction professionals have participated in these educational events, and the response has been extremely positive. Team EJP's Chief Executive Officer Peter Prescott says, "We believe that education is very important. We put a lot of time and effort into these seminars because we know that knowledge is the life blood of our industry."

For more information on the company's winter seminar series, please visit Team E. J. Prescott's website and www.ejprescott.com.

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Can you identify all of the animals, birds, and insects that live in Maine? We will help you and reward you for your skill. Look for a fun contest coming in the future!

