

# WHITE OAK TAX DITCH

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## CITY OF DOVER- PUBLIC WORKS

### Anchor Ln Dip Out & Coir Log Installation Complete

Work was completed in June to ameliorate the severe erosion to the bank behind 40 Anchor Ln.

The work to correct this began earlier this month on Monday, June 16th. The sandbar behind 44 Anchor Ln was removed first. Then prep work began for the bank stabilization and the coir log installation behind 40 Anchor Ln.

The first stage of prep work included digging where the erosion was to create a gentle slope. Sediment that was dug out was then spread in the Right-of-Way (ROW) or set aside to use as backfill.

The next step was to stake out where coir logs will be placed. After this, coir logs can be placed and secured. The coir logs are

secured by tying the rope around each stake and threading the rope over and under each part of the coir log. This is repeated until the whole log is secure.

After the coir logs were placed and secured, backfilling began. Compact clay and imported clean backfill was used to backfill the area behind the coir logs, creating an even gentler slope.

The final step was to matt and seed the area for stabilization. Areas in the ROW and Special Access ROW (SAR) were similarly stabilized.

Work was completed on Monday, June 23. Thank you to all the surrounding and adjacent homeowners for your patience during the scheduling and execution of



this project. (Continued on Page 2).

### Tax Ditch Inspections Complete

Public Works completed visual inspections of the Tax Ditch this June.

Before Tax Ditch Inspections, letters went out to notify all landowners with properties adjacent to the ditch of inspections. Land-

owners were given the option to contact Bryn Wambaugh, Stormwater Coordinator, if they would like to be present for the inspection.

An inspection of each segment was completed with a Survey123

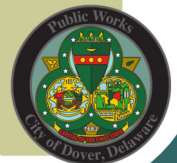
inspection form that automatically populates information in the City's GIS environment. This makes it easy to analyze and monitor inspection data after the inspection is complete.

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#### Special points of interest:

- Anchor Ln Dip Out & Coir Log Installation Complete
- Semiannual Tax Ditch Inspections Completed in June
- New briefings and information added to Ditch Hub





Scan this QR code to access the Ditch Hub!

### Ditch Hub Content Added

Lots of updates to the Ditch Hub this June!

1. "Living with the Tax Ditch" briefing: This newly created briefing has been added to the Ditch Hub. It provides information about the Tax Ditch in your backyard and what homeowners can do to promote good Tax Ditch function.
2. "Tax Ditch" briefing: A slide added with information on the importance of Annual Meetings.
3. White Oak Tax Ditch page on the Ditch Hub: Information was added about the importance of Annual Meetings as well as the date of the next Annual Meeting.
4. Frequently Asked Questions page added to the Ditch Hub.

### Spotlight: Extending Sump Pumps

**"Extending your sump pump is a simple way that you can care for the health of the Tax Ditch."**

Many homeowners in Delaware use sump pumps to pump groundwater away from the foundation of their house.

You may know that your sump pump needs to discharge far away from you house, but did you know that sump pumps discharging to the Tax Ditch should be extended to go over the bank?

A sump pump that is dis-

charging on top of the bank (or on the flat of the ROW) can contribute to extra erosion over time.

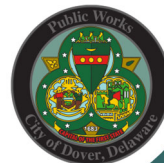
Extending your sump pump is a simple way that you can care for the health of the Tax Ditch.

Call your plumber today to extend your sump pump!



### Anchor Ln Dip Out & Coir Log Installation Complete (Continued from Page 1)

The City would also like to thank Kent Conservation District (KCD) for providing the technical assistance needed to plan this project and providing the cost-share necessary to fund this project.



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## The Importance of Annual Meetings

- “Every Tax Ditch in Delaware has an Annual Meeting.

- Annual Meetings are used to update the Tax Ditch Organization on:

- Maintenance and projects
- Financials and audit report (if needed)
- Annual meetings are the **official forum** to present concerns. This is because:
- Annual meetings are scheduled before Request For Matching Funds forms are due to

Kent County Conservation District (KCD). These funds are used to supplement existing funds to perform maintenance.

- You must **be present** or have a representative present at the Annual Meetings to **officially** raise concerns.

This is because future maintenance is prioritized and tentatively scheduled at Annual Meetings.” (Taken from Tax Ditch briefing).

The City encourages citizens to provide input and present concerns throughout the year but wants to emphasize the

importance of attending Annual Meetings.

Public Works will do its' best to address issues with the Tax Ditch throughout the year, but all major concerns with the Tax Ditch should be presented at the Annual Meeting.

