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**Virtual Open House Deadline Extended**

In an effort to encourage participation, the Willamette Water Supply Program's online "virtual" open house will remain available for public comment through Monday, December 15. Through the "virtual" open house, Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) and Hillsboro Water are inviting Washington County residents to share their views on possible water pipeline routes proposed for the Wilsonville, Tualatin, Sherwood, King City, Tigard, Beaverton and Hillsboro areas. To participate, visit [www.OurReliableWater.org](http://www.OurReliableWater.org). Community feedback from the open houses will be used to help select a preferred pipeline route in early 2015.

The Willamette Water Supply program is a partnership between TVWD and Hillsboro Water to develop the mid-Willamette River at Wilsonville as an additional source of drinking water for their customers. Currently in the initial planning stages, the new water system will include an expanded Willamette River Water Treatment Plant, additional water storage tanks, and more than 30 miles of pipelines installed from Wilsonville to Beaverton and Hillsboro. Construction for most of the pipeline will not begin for several years with completion anticipated by 2026. The pipelines will be placed in existing public rights-of-way at most locations.

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