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Mayor Jim Reardon announced today that the Village of Rhinebeck will be undertaking the relocation of the water main in the Landsman Kill at the South Parsonage Street Bridge. The ten inch main which crosses the Kill was undermined during tropical storms Irene and Lee last year. Reardon states, "The high water flows experienced last year eroded the stream bed and left the Main exposed and vulnerable to damage." After studying the issue and exploring options it was determined that suspending the main beneath the bridge was the best way to protect the main and also the most cost effective solution."

The project was sent out to bid and A. W. Coon of Red Hook, NY was the successful bidder. A. W. Coon will begin staging in the vicinity of the bridge beginning tomorrow Wednesday October 24, 2012. Excavation is to begin next week and completion of the project is anticipated to be in early December. Reardon explains, "We do not anticipate any road or lane closures and we have discussed with the contractor the sensitivity as it applies to traffic to both the Rhinebeck High School campus and the Chancellor Livingston School campus."

The South Parsonage Street Bridge by law falls under the jurisdiction of the Town of Rhinebeck Highway Department and Reardon says, "I would like to thank Town Highway Superintendent Kathy Kinsella for her help and cooperation in bringing this project forward and also would like to thank Village engineer Nancy Clark of Erdman and Anthony for her work developing the plans and keeping us on track."

In closing Reardon states, "Once completed this will serve to protect the integrity of our water system so that we do not face the issues we had to deal with post Irene last year. We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation."