PROJECT OVERVIEW AND CHALLENGES

Bradshaw Construction completed two tunnels of 50" steel casing totaling 291' in Dover, DE. The steel casing was installed by microtunneling and used for 24" and 27" PVC sanitary sewer. There were two main challenges for the project. The greatest challenge was retrofitting a jacking shaft meant for auger-boring to suit the needs of slurry microtunneling. To do this, our crew formed and poured four concrete walls on top of the work slab. This sealed the existing trench box shaft preventing the pressurized slurry from blowing back into the shaft. The other challenge on this project was the relatively busy, conspicuous and populated environment that the project took place. Our crew battled theft and vandalism throughout the project. Several items stolen were to have been little value to whomever took them, but were of great expense to us.