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April 8, 2024

Re: Retsof Sewer District Improvements

Dear Property Owner,

On April 18, 2024 at 5 pm a public informational meeting will be held at the Town Hall to discuss the proposed improvements to the sewer collections system in the hamlet of Retsof that will be taking place in early spring and through the summer of 2024. We have also included details about the project within this letter in case you are unable to attend the meeting.

Project Overview

The sewer rehabilitation project will address critical needs within the sewer system, including the repair of aged or damaged pipes, improving sewer function, and reducing the risk of sewer backups and overflows. This comprehensive project includes several critical components to be executed within the public right-of-way (ROW) and on residential properties.

Separation of Combined Sewers

A major focus is transitioning from a combined sewer system to separate systems for stormwater and wastewater. This effort aims to reduce inflow and infiltration in the wastewater system and prevent overflows at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and improve water quality.

Stormwater Laterals for Each Home

A dedicated stormwater lateral will be provided for each residence, facilitating the efficient management of stormwater separate from the sewage system. This lateral will be installed on private property and run from the house foundation to the roadside ditch.

Work within the ROW

The project will undertake:

- Installation of new sewer cleanouts for all homes, ensuring accessible and efficient maintenance.

" This is an Equal Opportunity Program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal law. Complaints of discrimination may be filed with USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410."

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- Repairs to the main sewer lines to address existing deficiencies and prevent future problems.
- Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) lining of sewer mains and manholes to extend their lifespan and improve performance.
- Construction of a new lift station complete with a backup generator to ensure reliability during power outages.
- Stormwater handling improvements, including enhanced ditching, to better manage stormwater runoff and reduce flooding risks.

Project Schedule

The project is set to begin on May 6th with expected completion by September 1st. Please note, these dates may be adjusted based on weather or unforeseen circumstances.

The contractor has proposed the following schedule for the above job as follows:

May 6, 2024 – May 17, 2024	Repairs and Sanitary Laterals
May 20, 2024 – June 7, 2024	CIPP Lining
May 27, 2024 – June 14, 2024	Manhole Rehabilitation
June 10, 2024 to July 3, 2024	Storm Laterals
July 8, 2024 – July 24, 2024	Finalize and Clean Up

Homeowner Responsibilities

Critical to the project's success is the participation of residents, specifically those properties with a stormwater connection (sump pump, down spout, foundation drain, etc.) that does not meet the current code requirements in the Town.

Internal Plumbing Separation

Modify home plumbing to disconnect stormwater from wastewater, in line with the new separated sewer system. Any sump pumps or connected roof drains should no longer be connected to the sanitary sewer. If they exist, they should be connected to the new storm sewer lateral that will be provided by the Town or discharged to an alternate location on your property.

Connection to Stormwater Lateral

Connect your home's stormwater outlets to the provided stormwater lateral, which may involve modifications through the home's foundation.

Specific Modifications Needed

Depending on the unique layout and needs of your property, this could require installing a sump pump and crock, along with separating any combined sewer piping.

Final Inspection

All homes are required to face a final inspection by the Town of York or representative from CPL to prove compliance with the project's goal of separation of storm sewer and sanitary sewer.

Miscellaneous

Water Usage

Please minimize water usage during critical project phases. Specific dates and times will be communicated in advance.

Safety

Please adhere to safety signs and instructions provided by the construction team to ensure your safety and that of the workers.

Coordination and Communication

For any questions or to discuss your property's specific needs, please contact Casey DeGraff at 585-413-7010 or by email at CDeGraff@cplteam.com. Your proactive cooperation is crucial for the smooth progression of this project.

USDA Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants

We understand that this project may cause concerns about potential impacts on your property and result in a financial impact to some of you. To assist homeowners who may need financial assistance for home repairs or upgrades related to the sewer rehabilitation project, the USDA offers Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants. For more information about eligibility and application processes, see the attached program flyer from the USDA for additional information.

This sewer rehabilitation project marks a significant step towards enhancing the Town of York's infrastructure resilience and environmental stewardship. Your understanding, cooperation, and action in meeting the homeowner responsibilities are invaluable to achieving these goals.

Thank you for your collaboration as we undertake these essential improvements.

Sincerely,

Jerry Deming

Gerald Deming, Supervisor

Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants

What does this program do?

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, it provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes, or provides grants to elderly, very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Who can apply?

To qualify, you must:

- **Be the homeowner and occupy the house**
- **Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere**
- **Have a family income within the very-low-income limit**
- **For grants, be age 62 or older**



Home Repair Program Webpage

What is an eligible area?

Properties must be located in an eligible rural area. You can visit the USDA Income and Property Eligibility website (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcdM>) for complete details.

How can funds be used?

- Loans can be used to repair, improve, or modernize homes, or to remove health and safety hazards.
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards.

How much money can I get?

- Maximum loan is \$40,000.
- Maximum grant is \$10,000.
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$50,000 in assistance.

What are the terms of the loan or grant?

- Loans are repaid over 20 years.
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1 percent.
- Full title service is required for loans greater than \$25,000.
- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$10,000.
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than three years.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Applications are available year-round as long as funding is available, and are processed in the order they are received.

How long does an application take?

Approval times depend on funding availability in your area. Talk to a state or area office-based USDA home loan specialist (a map is available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state>) for help with your application.

How do I get started?

Contact a USDA home loan specialist (information is available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/browse-state>) in your area.

What governs this program?

- The Housing Act of 1949 as amended; 7 CFR, Part 3550 (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcvG>)
- HB-1-3550 - Direct Single Family Housing Program Field Office Handbook (available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xzcvM> - PDF)

NOTE: Because information changes, always consult official program instructions or contact your local Rural Development office for help. A list is available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xJHPE>. You will find additional resources, forms, and program information at <https://rd.usda.gov>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.