

Ash River Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment St. Louis County, Minnesota



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Hello and welcome to the Ash River Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment Project Status Update. In the upcoming issues, we will be updating you periodically on the status of this project.

Happening Now

The project is about to enter report phase. In the coming weeks and months, you will see correspondence from us in hopes that you might give some input on the best way to improve wastewater treatment or collection on your property. This correspondence may come by letter or we may try to arrange a site visit with you. We look forward to meeting you.

On July 24, 2018 during a County Board meeting held in Orr, the County Commissioners passed a resolution for the County to petition the State to form the Ash River Sanitary Sewer District. This is the first of many steps in an expected year-long process to create the Sanitary District, but it is a great first step in moving the project forward. The County cares about the Ash River residents and resort owners and want to see the area improved, which is why they are willing to take on the task of establishing a Sanitary Sewer District for the area.

If you are interested in joining an advisory board or being a member of the future Sanitary Sewer District Board, please contact Mark St. Lawrence, St. Louis County Environmental Services Director at 218.749.0647 or stlawrencem@stlouiscountymn.gov

Project Status

The project is just about ready to kick off. The MPCA is reviewing final grant paperwork. Once complete, we can start the work on the report phase of the project.

As noted in the previous Newsletter, the Clean Water Legacy Grant funds, already obtained, will cover the costs of the report and a portion of the design phase. In order for this project to qualify for additional funding, a report called a Facility Plan, will need to be developed and submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) as well as funding agencies. Applications for funding will be prepared and submitted at the same time.

After MPCA approves the report, we can move forward with design. In order to keep user rates at a manageable level (on past projects the Clean Water Joint Powers Board's goal has been \$100 per month for a typical home) additional grant funding will need to be procured for this project in order to move forward.

We will do our best to inform you of the project timeline as it is developed. Look for more project details in the next Project Status Update and please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.