

### **OLD TOWN SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Public Information Session – October 28, 2021**

**Q: What is the deadline for residents with multiple parcels to file with the zoning department to have their parcels combined? Will the process require the resident to have a survey done of both lots? How much does it cost to file for the zoning application?**

A1: The deadline for lot consolidations and/or lot splits is DECEMBER 1, 2021. This allows time for a final accounting of benefitting parcels prior to a planned Public Hearing in early to mid-February.

A2: Lake County Auditor's Split and Combination procedures can be found here: <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/auditor/split-and-combination-procedures/>. Based upon feedback from other property owners in the area who have already been through the process, the Auditor has been requiring new surveys be performed. To confirm this, please contact the Auditor's office at (440) 350-2532

A3: Zoning application fees for a lot split and/or consolidation (minor subdivision) are \$275

**Q: Where will the sanitary line be located? Is it a consistent location on every street within the project scope?**

A: Sewers will be installed in the center of each street.

**Q: Will storm sewers be installed? If so, what side of the road?**

A: No storm sewers are planned as part of this project

**Q: Because every lot is different, who decides where the tee to "tie-in" to the sewer will be located; which side of the resident's lot?**

A: The locations of service laterals will be shown on the plan but are not set in stone. The final location of the service lateral will be determined during construction with input from the property owner.

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#### **Q: Will backwater (back flow) valves be required during the "tie-in" process?**

A: Back flow valves are not required on service laterals. Lake County Department of Utilities (LCDU) Rules and Regulations prohibit gravity basement service, so backflow devices should not be necessary.

#### **Q: What is the cost of the project?**

A: The estimated project cost currently stands at \$3.2 million. With finance charges (5% over 20 years) the amount is estimated to be \$5.1 million.

#### **Q: When will assessments to the residents begin? Who will the residents pay?**

A: Property owners can expect the first assessment charge on their property taxes in January of 2026. Early payment options to pay the assessment in full or in part will be available by mid-2025.

#### **Q: What is the city's contribution to the project?**

A: The City's contribution to the project will be an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant / Loan combination in the amount of \$450,000.

In addition, the City has applied for a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) in the amount of 50% of the design, construction and residential tie-in costs. Award status of this grant application has not yet been released.

#### **Q: Is the project being financed? By whom? What are the terms? Length of Term?**

A: This project is being financed by Lake County. Anticipated term of the loan is 20-years at an expected interest rate of 5%.

#### **Q: How much is the tie in fee to Lake County? When is that paid?**

A: Tap in fees will be \$5,571.64 plus a one time inspection fee of \$100. This fee will be due at the time of tie-in to the sewer.

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#### **Q: Are parcels owned by the church exempt?**

A: Parcels owned by churches are not exempt.

#### **Q: As the project is an EPA mandate, who is responsible for the residents' property to be restored? Example: grass, landscape, decking, hardscape, sheds etc.**

A: All pavement, lawn and landscaping within the public Right-of-Way will be restored by the County's contractor after installation of the sewer main and service lateral stub. Restoration required related to the connection from the house to the service stub will be the responsibility of the property owner or their contractor.

#### **Q: Who is responsible for completing the Sewage Treatment System (STS) Abandonment Permit/Report?**

A: Septic system abandonment will be the responsibility of the property owner. Reporting to the Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) will be handled by LCDU provided the abandonment occurs at the time of tie-in. If for some reason the abandonment occurs after the tie-in, the property owner will be responsible for permitting and reporting with LCGHD.

#### **Q: When will the bid package be available for public view?**

A: The final bid package will be submitted to LCDU in early January of 2022 and a copy will be made available for viewing at Kirtland City Hall.

#### **Q: Are the roads going to be replaced after the sewer lines are installed or will this be a cut and patch approach?**

A: Sewer trenches will be patched after the sewer installation. Pavement repair and resurfacing will occur in a future year after all sewer construction is completed as indicated in the City's 10-Year road plan.

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**Q: Are there opportunities to receive any additional funding for this project?**

A: Please refer to the answer to the “City’s Contribution” question.

**Q: Sidewalks... With tens of thousands of tourists visiting the Temple yearly. Are any safety, tourism, or historical restoration or beautification dollars available? In short, is there any funding or grant money that could be used to improve our neighborhood during this multiple-phase project?**

A: The City has been discussing Safe Routes to School Funding for sidewalk construction in this area, however, sidewalks will not be a part of this project.