



January 22, 2018

RE: response to January 17, 2018 Blue River Estates public sewer meeting

The Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District (Whitley RSD) hosted a public meeting at the Columbia City Christian Church on January 17, 2018. The purpose of the meeting was to present and discuss the estimated costs of extending municipal sewer systems into the Blue River Estates area, as an alternative to individual onsite sewage system upgrades.

We did not find your name on the sign-in sheet from the meeting. Please find, included in this mailing a copy of the packet that was handed out at the meeting, which explains the initial cost estimate for the proposed municipal sewer project. The information packet also includes a survey sheet to gauge your interest in the project based on the costs presented.

In order to help you make an informed decision, we have also included a spreadsheet, which estimates what each homeowner would pay to install a new onsite sewage system individually. These estimates include the total installation cost for a replacement system and also assume that the average homeowner would require a loan to pay for the replacement. The individual replacement estimate also includes routine maintenance costs, broken down year-by-year and then budgeted on a monthly basis. The monthly maintenance budgeted cost is added to the amortized installation cost to give you a total estimated monthly bill to install and maintain a new onsite sewage system. Please compare these total estimated monthly costs with the proposed monthly bill for sewer installation.

As a reminder, if it should happen that there is insufficient community support for this municipal sewer project at this time, then the WCRWSD will pause planning and design efforts. If there are existing public health issues in your area then the Department of Health may commence individual testing of existing septic systems and may require individual onsite upgrades or other actions.

Your input on this proposed municipal sewer project is important. Please complete the survey and return it to the Whitley RSD in the enclosed business reply envelope by February 21, 2018. The survey responses that we receive will guide the Whitley RSD Board of Trustees decision on whether or not to move forward with this proposed municipal sewer project.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting or the Whitley RSD, please feel free to e-mail the Whitley RSD at SewerDistrict@whitley.gov.com. We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

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