



May 29th, 2018

COMMUNITY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Discussion and presentation of wastewater treatment solutions for residents of Collamer & South, South Whitley

The new Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District (Whitley RSD), with the support of the Whitley County Department of Health (DOH), has conducted preliminary research on the homes and wastewater treatment systems in your area. This research revealed that, unfortunately, several of the homes in the **Collamer & South, South Whitley** have septic systems that are not on file with the Department of Health (DOH) or are operating a filter bed septic system, which is no longer in compliance with Indiana Health Code.

The recently formed Whitley RSD will serve as the primary sanitary sewer provider for homes and businesses in the unincorporated areas of Whitley County. We have launched a proactive planning and prevention initiative to reduce the number of failed or failing septic systems and therefore public health and environmental concerns in Whitley County. Homes and systems that are on file with the DOH and have been installed within the past 20 years are being presented the option of connection to sanitary sewer instead of individual onsite systems such as those in the area south of South Whitley. Our goal is to make proactive planning and prevention of these challenges a team effort between Whitley RSD and the treatment service providers such as South Whitley. We understand that every home and household situation can be different, which is why we need to hear from residents in a public forum.

The Whitley RSD has scheduled a community meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6 PM at Whitko High School, 1 Big Blue Avenue, South Whitley IN, 46787 to present additional information and discuss options including how the Whitley RSD could partner with South Whitley to find a cost effective sanitary sewer solution.

Note that feasibility research, investigation and design efforts for public sewer installations take time and planning of at least one year. Failure to plan ahead for and address this matter now can lead to issues and community health risks as the signs of failed and failing sewage you and your neighbors discover treatment systems.

Please plan to attend this important meeting in which the RSD will present the following information for discussion:

- What is an RSD and how do they support cost effective sanitary sewer solutions?
- Research findings and current status of your community's onsite systems
- Risks and requirements for property owners with failed onsite sewage systems
- Various options for individual and community wastewater solutions
- Community discussion on resolution options
- Petition for cost study

This meeting is informational and will be open discussion format in which we will answer all community questions and/or concerns. Your contribution and support is very important to the ongoing health of your community. 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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The Board of Commissioners of Whitley County
Thomas Nitza, The Secant Group, LLC

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