

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



Project Status

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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

We wanted to notify you that during the week of May 7th through 11th, 2018, you may see a drone flying around the area. The drone is being flown by a surveying company. They are collecting survey data for us to use during the report and design phases of the project.

If you have any questions about the drone or see any issues with this schedule, please don't hesitate to contact me. Otherwise feel free to say hi to Jeff. He will be on site, flying the drone.

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The project is just about ready to kick off. The final version of the report and design contract is being reviewed by St. Louis County. We anticipate that the contract will be approved and the project can move forward by May 22, 2018.

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.

During preparation of the report, our staff will be on site to review locations of existing piping and treatment systems. Your input at this point is critical, to tell us the location of existing systems, anything we should try to avoid, and your plans for the future. We want to work together to develop the best plan to serve your property and those around you.

As noted above, after development of the Facility Plan, it will be submitted to MPCA – by the beginning of March 2019. After MPCA approves the plan, 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.

After additional funding has been obtained, design can be finalized. Plans and specifications will be submitted to MPCA for review and approval, if possible by March 2020. The project can then be bid and construction can begin. As you can see, this is a process that may take some time. 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.