

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF FLINT
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Flint will hold a public hearing on the application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for the proposed Wastewater Project Plan. The public hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held on Monday, June 24, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Flint City Council Chambers (3rd Floor) Located at City Hall, 1101 S. Saginaw St, Flint, Michigan 48502.

The proposed Wastewater Project Plan description and details are organized into a comprehensive 20-year Project Plan, separated into Phase 1 (Fiscal Year 2020 Projects) and Future Phase (Fiscal Year 2021 thru 2024 Projects). If the SRF application is successful, the Phase 1 project construction will include the following upgrades at the water pollution control facility: aeration system process modifications, sludge dewatering, ultraviolet light disinfection, influent box rehabilitation and isolation capability, waste unloading station, Battery A grit removal, and NWPS rehabilitation and bypass sewer. The following Phase 1 improvements will occur outside of the Water Pollution Control Facility: Avon PS diversion structure and Third Avenue Pump Station force main investigation and rehabilitation. Future projects following the completion of Phase 1 projects will include: Battery B grit removal and screening, primary electrical switchgear replacement, Third Avenue Pump Station and force main improvements, primary settling tank rehabilitation, final settling tank improvements, final settling tank return activated sludge flow control, and a cake storage facility. These projects have been deemed essential to the continued reliability, safety, and cost effective operation of the wastewater system.

Peripheral impacts due to the construction activities of the proposed projects include:

Noise: Noise due to construction activities such as construction equipment, machinery, generators, compressors, etc. will be kept to a minimum, as practicable. The work hours will be maintained in accordance with local ordinances.

Traffic Disturbance: Traffic control devices and temporary lane closures will be necessary during construction to safely construct the Avon PS diversion structure. This will impact traffic flow patterns. Construction activities will be coordinated by location to mitigate any cumulative impacts.

The total cost of all the proposed improvements (Phase 1 and Future Phase) is estimated to be \$117 million. The Phase 1 project cost is estimated to be \$34 million. The repayment of the SRF loan, if approved, will be apportioned to City wastewater customers based on water consumption. The estimated user costs to finance the proposed project have been determined assuming SRF financing with a 2.0% interest rate (current SRF interest rate) and a 20-year debt retirement. The monthly user cost to residents has been estimated based on total residential users in the system, proportion of total revenue from residential accounts, operations and maintenance savings as a result of the completed projects, and the average yearly debt retirement cost.

The approximate costs for the proposed Phase I projects is \$3.71 per month. The cost for the Future Phase Projects (\$83 million) would be approximately \$13.81 per month, so the cost for both Phase 1 and the Future Phase would be \$17.52 per month. Actual costs may be less, depending on exact project costs and other factors, such as external financial assistance. The City will incorporate the payment costs into its yearly budgets.

Copies of the Wastewater Draft Project Plan detailing the proposed project are available for review beginning on May 14, 2019 at:

- Office of the City of Flint Clerk, 2nd Floor City Hall, 201-C, 1101 Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48502, or
- City of Flint, Water Pollution Control Facility, G-4652 Beecher Rd, Flint, MI 48532

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on Monday, June 24, 2019 will receive responses in the Final SRF Project Plan. Written questions should be sent to:

Inez Brown, Flint City Clerk, 2nd Floor City Hall, 201-C, 1101 S. Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48502

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability may contact the City of Flint at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the Public Hearing, if special accommodations are requested.

The Draft Project Plan will also be available on the City of Flint Website, Cityofflint.com.

Issued by Robert Bincsik, City of Flint DPW Director