

Date: July 02, 2020

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PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Presentation of Preliminary Engineering Report for proposed Sanitary Sewer Project in Liberty Center.

Dear <<Name>>:

The Wells County Regional Sewer District (WCRSD) will serve as the primary sanitary sewer service provider for homes and businesses in the unincorporated areas of Wells County. The WCRSD, with the support of the Wells County Department of Health (WCDOH), has reviewed permits and records on the septic systems in several areas of Wells County. This research has revealed that, unfortunately, several homes in Liberty Center have septic systems that are not on file with the WCDOH or are operating a filter bed septic system no longer in compliance with Indiana State Health Code.

The WCRSD has spent extensive time identifying top priority areas for initial septic elimination projects in the county, negotiating a treatment agreement with the City of Bluffton and conducting a preliminary engineering study. The WCRSD is now ready to move forward with its first set of projects in 2021. We wish to share information with the community and hear from residents in a public forum.

The Wells County Regional Sewer District has scheduled a community meeting on July 15th at 6 PM followed by a Public Hearing at 7 PM.

Meeting Location: Wells County Chamber of Commerce 211 Water St. Suite A, Bluffton, IN 46714, Multi-Purpose Room

Virtual Meeting:

Google Meet Web Address: meet.google.com/dwk-dubx-gzf

Google Meet to join by phone: + 1 (260) 442-8009 PIN: 371 020 020#

Typically, the WCRSD would hold a public informational meeting followed by a public hearing at a later date on the proposed engineering approach. However, due to the recent Covid-19 pandemic and state restrictions on public meetings, informational meetings were put on hold and the approach has been altered to reduce the number of meetings required. In order to promote a safe and healthy atmosphere for all to attend, a virtual meeting has been scheduled through Google Meet to coincide with the in-person meeting. Information regarding this virtual meeting has been provided above.

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

- **What is WCRSD and how do they support cost-effective sanitary sewer solutions?**
- **Current status of your community's onsite systems**
- **Risks and requirements for property owners with failed onsite sewage systems**
- **Overview of Preliminary Engineering Report/Proposed Project Overview**
- **Q&A as time allows**
- **Public Hearing on Preliminary Engineering Report**

The public hearing will take place at 7 PM and is an opportunity to make a statement (up to 3 minutes,) which will be recorded and submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for consideration along with the project application package. If you have any questions regarding this meeting or for the WCRSD, please feel free to contact [Ian Hartman](mailto:ian.hartman@wcrsd.com) at + 1 (260) 444-7057. Thank you for your time & consideration. We look forward to meeting and speaking with you regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Lana Beregszazi
Management Representative
Wells County Regional Sewer District

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