



June 22, 2020

Dear Property Owner:

The Stamford WPCA is resending the survey, which was originally sent in February, regarding the need for extending sanitary sewers to your area. You are being sent this survey again because we did not receive your response to the February survey. We understand that this is a very difficult time due to COVID-19, but it is very important that you complete the attached survey and return it to the WPCA. The results of this survey will provide us with information to help determine whether the project should move forward.

One of the most asked questions is “what is the cost of this project to the homeowners?”. There are three costs that each homeowner will be responsible for: 1) Sewer Assessment Charge, 2) Private Installation Costs, and 3) Annual Usage.

Sewer Assessment Charge – This represents the sewer related costs for design and construction of the sanitary sewers and is shared between the homeowners (40%) and the SWPCA (60%). It is estimated the assessment cost to the homeowner can range from \$10,000 to \$17,000 which can be paid over 15 years. The construction estimates provided at the December meeting were the best possible information known at this time. Once construction bids are received, the assessments will be refined. Each assessment is based on a “Sewer Unit” system. For residential properties, a sewer unit is calculated on the number of bathrooms in a residence. A residential dwelling with two full baths or less is assigned a minimum of one (1) sewer unit. Residences with more than two full baths are assigned an additional one half (0.5) unit for each full bath and one quarter (0.25) unit for each half bath. Each homeowner will pay a share based on their number of sewer units.

Private Installation Costs – This represents the cost of work performed on your property to connect to the sanitary sewer system. This is a difficult cost to estimate because every house is different. The cost will depend on many variables such as, the location of the sewer lateral, the length of the lateral, is there a grinder pump required. Each homeowner will have to make decisions and obtain contractors to provide estimates and perform the work on their property.

Annual Usage – Once connected to the system, there will be an annual usage charge. Bills are sent out twice a year in April and October, and based on water usage for the six month period of November through April. Typical water usage for a single family residence is 92 CCF per year. The current user charge rate is \$5.00 per CCF. Therefore, a typical user charge for a single family home is \$460 per year. The water company provides the Water Pollution Control Authority with actual water usage for all properties in Stamford. The charge is based on the "winter usage" to avoid charging for heavier summer uses such as watering your lawn and garden, washing your car, or filling your pool, which do not impact the treatment system. If a property has a well, usage bills are based on the residential average for sewer use in lieu

of water usage readings. All users of the sanitary sewer system, including all residential, commercial, government and nonprofit organizations are charged at the same rate. The sewer usage bill pays for all operating and maintenance cost associated with the wastewater treatment facility and the collection system.

At the December meeting, many opinions were expressed, both for and against extending sewers. We provided answers to commonly asked questions regarding the proposed alternates and provided a range of costs for each alternate. A copy of commonly asked Q&A's and the presentation is on the City's web site at <https://www.stamfordct.gov/water-pollution-control-authority>. We want to know if there is a need for sanitary sewers based on aging and/or failing septic system and we included a few question in that regard. The SWPCA will continue to strive for a clear consensus from residents regarding the desire and need for sewers on a street by street basis in the Perna Lane area before proceeding with the project.

Please help us by indicating your position on the attached form, signing and **returning it before Friday, July 20th** in the enclosed stamped envelope to:

Stamford WPCA
111 Harbor View Road
Stamford, CT 06902

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please call Ann Brown, Supervising Engineer, at 203-977-5896.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ed Kelly', is positioned above the typed name.

Ed Kelly
Chairman, Stamford WPCA



**SURVEY FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AT
WILLARD TERRACE, BRENTWOOD LANE, HAMPTON LANE,
DZAMBA GROVE, SOMERSET LANE, PERNA LANE, MEREDITH LANE,
PINE HILL TERRACE, MARVA LANE, BLUE RIDGE DRIVE,
DIAMONDCREST LANE, REDMONT ROAD, OPPER ROAD AND
HIGH RIDGE ROAD (BETWEEN MERRITT PARKWAY AND PERNA LANE)
REGARDING
PERNA LANE AREA SANITARY SEWER PROJECT- PHASES 1, 2 AND 3**

Regarding the extension of sanitary sewers to serve Perna Lane Area Stamford, CT, please fill in the age of your septic system and check the boxes below that are appropriate to your property:

My (our) septic system is _____ years old.

- I (we) believe our septic system is adequate for the foreseeable future.*
- I (we) believe our septic system is not adequate for the foreseeable future.*
- I (we) currently have problems with our septic system.*
- I (we) have had to repair our septic system in the past.*
- I (we) believe we need sanitary sewers on our street to serve our property.*
- I (we) believe we do not need sanitary sewers on our street to serve our property.*
- I (we) favor extending sewers to our street to serve our property.*
- I (we) oppose extending sewers to our street to serve our property.*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____, Stamford, CT 06903

Date: _____

Signature of Property Owner(s): _____
