

February 17, 2016

RE: Update on Status of "The Loop and Surrounding Area" Sewer Project

Dear Property Owner:

In September of last year two public meetings were held to inform residents of "The Loop and Surrounding Area" (The Loop) about possible sewer construction plans. One of the public meetings was held at Valley View's Administration Building, the other was a presentation at a Tukwila City Council meeting. At that time you were informed that the District had applied for assistance from the State Department of Ecology through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and the Centennial Clean Water Fund to help pay for the cost of sewer construction. You were also informed that once the preliminary funding results were known this information would be discussed with you at a future public meeting. **This letter is to inform you that, as promised, a public meeting has been scheduled to discuss the status of the project with you.**

An Open House and Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25th, 2016, in the Valley View Sewer District Public Meeting Room located at 3460 S 148th St, Tukwila, WA. The Open House will start at 6:00 P.M., and the Public Meeting will begin at 6:45 P.M.

What You Should Know

Funding Status

- **Application Highly Rated:** Of the 148 eligible statewide applications submitted for funding consideration, Valley View's application for funding sewer construction in The Loop area was rated Number Three (3). This high rating was primarily a result of documentation that fecal coliform bacteria from failing and marginal septic systems is leaching into local streams and waterways.
- **Funding offer is a combination of a grant and a loan:** The grant is for 50% of the design cost, and the loan is a 1.0% loan for all remaining design and construction costs.
- **Efforts to convert the loan to a grant:** The State will be asked in this legislative session, and again in 2017, to fully fund this project with 100% grant money.

- **Possible additional funding for low income property owners:** The District is applying for additional funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program to help low income property owners pay for the costs associated with connection to sewers. The District will apply in 2016, and again in 2017, for Block Grant funding. As part of the District's application for Block Grant funding, an income verification form must be completed by property owner/occupants to determine eligibility for assistance. An income verification form is enclosed for you to complete, and return, in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. ***If you think that your income might qualify you for Block Grant assistance it is important for you to fill out and return the income verification form.***

General Information

- **Side Sewer Construction costs now included:** The funding offer from the State includes money for construction of side sewers and abandoning septic tanks once the public sewer system is completed. This is new information; we had not yet included that request in our application for funding when we discussed this project with you at the public meetings last year.
- **Annexation Question:** The District, and The City of Tukwila, would like to hear from you about whether or not you would like to see your area annexed into the Valley View Sewer District. Annexation will give residents of The Loop the right to vote for, and run for, a position on the District's Board of Commissioners. A questionnaire asking for your input on this matter is included with this letter.

Possible Project Schedule

- February 25th, 2016: Public Meeting to update property owners on new information related to project funding.
- April-November of 2016: Survey, easement acquisition, permitting, and final design preparation.
- February 2016 through July 2017: Continued efforts to convert loan to grant funding for construction costs.
- Spring of 2016 and spring of 2017: CDBG applications for low income funding.
- January-March of 2017: Public meeting after design is complete, and additional information is known about funding. Board decision on whether or not to construct project.
- February-March of 2017: Project possibly out to bid.
- Summer-Fall of 2017: Possible sewer construction.

We hope to see you at the open house on Thursday the 25th. Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have about the information in this letter.

Sincerely

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