



Town of Waterford Sanitary District #1

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December 21, 2024 Greetings from the Commissioners and the Team at the Town of Waterford Sanitary District No 1

### **Strategic Communications to the Community:**

The Commissioners, Ken Hinz, Jeff Santaga and Dan Dickinson has important information to share with the residences and businesses that are within the Waterford Sanitary District No. 1 (District)

**About the District:** The Waterford Sanitary District (WSD) is an independent governmental body that provides for the collection and transmittal of wastewater for the District residents in the Town of Waterford.

### **Introduction:**

The District's 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has been submitted and has been approved by the DNR. The district will invest an estimated \$8 million dollars from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2030. The CIP is a long-term planning tool designed to provide the community with a view of the Districts infrastructure and capital improvements over the next 20 years. The planning tool is to substantiate the Districts ongoing needs for stable revenue sources to fund the essential; significant capital projects.

### **Sewer Rate Increases**

The District is fiscally responsible for operating and capital budget expenditures in ensuring that the residences and businesses have a safe and reliable sewage removal system. User Rates are how we determine fiscal responsibility. Starting 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2025, user rates must be increased. All District customers will be subject to gradual rate increases through the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2030. An estimated chart of quarterly rate increases will be made available on our website by January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

### **Sewer System Recap**

The District's sewer system became operational on August 1, 1988. In 1988, the District served approximately 1,100 customers. Today the District serves over 2,000 homes and businesses. Several sewer extensions have been added over the years, primarily in new subdivisions. All of these extensions were added by developers or property owners at no cost to the District. However, due to the number of additional users within the district, and the flow of sewage is at or above capacity, the District is in the approval process of several capital improvement projects to handle more flow.

### **Strategic Priority:**

The District maintains structurally balanced budgets with a continued focus on operating expenditures and infrastructure investment. The District establishes annual investment and operating targets to maintain existing and support new infrastructure. The district has identified investments and financing to cover the Capital Improvements at the least cost possible to its users, including but not limited to possible grants, DNR loans, and traditional financing. The district will primarily be securing traditional financing at the lowest rate possible to our users.

### **Strategic Summary:**

**The District is in the process of approving the Capital Improvement Project.** The District and the Commissioners encourage the residents and businesses to be aware of the upcoming projects starting in 2025 and concluding in 2030. The Commissioners thank you for your time and patience as we work through the initial phase of the Capital Improvement Project. Please visit <https://townofwaterfordsd.com/sanitary-sewer-upgrade-information/>.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Santaga

Commissioner Town of Waterford Sanitary District #1

Secretary



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