

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Town of Waterford Sanitary District-

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 Districts 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has been “assessed” for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031. 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 five years. The planning tool is to substantiate the Districts ongoing needs for stable revenue sources to fund the essential; significant capital projects. The forthcoming document allows the Community, Town of Waterford, the Commissioners, and the team to implement long-term capital planning goals. The District has approved and received resources to achieve these goals through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Clean Water Loan Program, traditional financing through banks, professional design, accounting, and engineering firm(s) that are experienced in Capital Improvement Projects.

Sewer System:

The District's sewer system became operational on August 1, 1988. At that time 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 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, the flow of sewage is at or above capacity. The District is now moving forward to modernize and accommodate the additional capacity needed.

Strategic Implementation:

The District Commissioners retained low interest financing through the Clean Water Fund Program to fund the Capital Improvements throughout the District. The District approved the Capital improvement Project. The District is upgrading its lift stations to accommodate the demand of flow and to upgrade aging and depreciated capital assets while ensuring system safety, efficiency, and integrity for all of our customers.

Strategic Priority:

The District is fiscally responsible for operating and capital budget expenditures in ensuring that the residences and businesses have safe and reliable sewage removal system. 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 and secured investments and financing to cover the Capital Improvements at the least cost possible to its users, including but not limited to grants, DNR loans, and traditional financing.

Financing and Rate Impact:

Commercial financing for \$9M to cover the entire project was secured in March, 2024 at an interest rate of 5.1%. The total projected interest over the life of the loan was \$5.6M. On a parallel path WSD applied for a low interest loan through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Clean Water Loan Program. On November 15th, 2025 WSD received verbal confirmation that the loan was approved at a 2.585% interest rate. Total interest over the life of the loan is \$2.1m. This is an interest savings of \$3.5m. This lower interest rate will result in a reduction in user fees of approximately \$65 to \$80 per year when compared to projected user fees over the life of the loan.

Strategic Summary:

The District is in the Implementation Phase of the Capital Improvement Project. The District and the Commissioners encourage the residents and businesses to be aware of the Capital Improvement projects starting 2026 and concluding in 2029. The Commissioners thank you for your time and patience as we start the work of the Capital Improvement Project. We encourage everyone to visit our website at <https://townofwaterfordsd.com> where you can find the flow rate study, a slide presentation shown at a public hearing, other pertinent information and public notifications.

With Warm Regards,
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As per the graph below, the funding of the Capital Improvement Project, as well as normal operating costs, will cause user fees to be increased. WSD is and will continue to take measures to keep operating costs as low as it can without sacrificing safety and reliable operating systems. See graph below.

