

Town of Machias
Lime Lake Sewer District – Customer Communication
June 1, 2018

FAQ Sheet

The purpose of this Communication is to provide information to the customers of the Lime Lake Sewer District regarding customer responsibilities and projected service charges.

1. When was the Sewer District Formed?

- The Sewer District was originally formed in January 22, 2011 after notice was given and a public hearing was held.
- The plan of the District was modified on April 28, 2014 to convey the wastewater to the Village of Arcade rather than the Village of Franklinville. This resolution was passed after notice was given and a public hearing was held.

2. How can I tell if I am in the Sewer District?

- The map of the Sewer District is included in the 2010 Map, Plan, and Report (MPR). This can be viewed at the Town Hall.
- Also, the Town has been assessing partial sewer charges on your County tax bill to cover the local share of the project. If you have been getting a sewer district charge on your tax bill, you are in the district.
- Alternatively, you may contact the Engineer’s Field Office at 716-258-4113

3. What are the expected charges for Sewer District Customers?

- The following information is restated from the 2014 Revision to the Map, Plan, and Report. This report can be found on the Lime Lake Sewer District section of the Town of Machias website.
 - The projected first year Capital cost was \$380.22 per year per EDU
 - The projected first year O&M cost was \$291.75 per year per EDU
 - A vacant parcel would only contribute toward the Capital charges and would only pay .5 EDU. This equals about \$190.11 per year per vacant parcel.
 - A Non-Vacant parcel would contribute toward Capital cost and O&M cost. This equals about \$671.97 per EDU.
- EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit) – for the purposes of the Lime Lake Sewer District, each customer will be evaluated and assigned an EDU value. The sewer rent law will define what qualifies as an EDU and will generally follow the recommendations of the 2010 MPR
- The Town of Machias will be adopting the Sewer Rent Law very soon. This will formalize the sewer charges for the customers in the District.
- Please contact the Town for information regarding charges assessed to commercial parcels.

4. How many EDUs do I have to pay?

- Each property is evaluated and charged based on an EDU assessment.
- The sewer rent law will clarify how EDU assessments are made, but in general, the determining factor is the number of living units on a parcel.
- A property with a single family residence would pay 1 EDU
- A property with two single family residences would pay 2 EDUs
- A property with a single family residence with an attached apartment would pay 2 EDUs

- A property with a single family residence and a garage with an apartment inside it would pay 2 EDUs
- Please contact the Town with any specific questions you may have regarding the EDU assessment for your property.

5. What do I have to do to be ready for the Grinder Pump Installation?

- Grant a Grinder Pump Easement that allows the Sewer District (via their contractor) to install the service lateral, control panel, and grinder pump on your property.
- Make any electrical modifications necessary to support the Grinder pump. A 240 volt, 30 amp, four wire circuit is required.
- Make any plumbing modifications necessary to combine all the wastewater flow into one pipe before it connects into the Grinder pump
- Schedule an appointment with the Engineer’s Field office to review your specific property.

6. What happens if I am NOT ready?

- If you are not ready, your grinder pump will not be installed at this time.
- You are still required to hook up, and may have to do it at your own expense at a later date.
- We estimate that the cost to purchase a grinder pump and install it along with the electrical and service lateral to be \$10,000. This could be more or less depending on your specific site conditions.

7. What will I have to do once the Grinder Pump is installed?

- Please review the Owner’s Guide published by Environment One Corporation (the Grinder Pump Manufacturer)
- Review the list of items that should NOT be placed into the sewer system. (glass, metal, abrasive materials, seafood shells, socks, rags or cloths, plastic, sanitary napkins or tampons, disposable diapers, kitty litter, oil, grease, paint, personal wipes, etc.)
- Review how to recognize an alarm condition, silence the alarm, and the process regarding what to do in the event of an alarm.
 - Press the button to silence the alarm
 - Wait an hour and limit water usage
 - If the light on the alarm panel is still lit, then call the phone number provided to you by the Sewer District for a service call.
 - Provide your name, address, and telephone number.

8. What is the construction schedule for the remainder of 2018?

- The Intermediate Pump Station (Contract No. 2) is expected to ready for service by mid-June 2018
- The southern half of the force main(1A) is expected to be ready for service by 6/15/2018
- The northern half of the force main(1B) is quickly closing in - substantial completion date of 6/30/2018
- The Collection System (Contract 3) mainline piping is over 80% complete and Northrup will be ready to start connecting services **as soon as Contracts 1A, 1B, and 2 are ready for service.** The tentative schedule is as follows:
 - Lake Street and Elton Road – August 18th through September 8th
 - Potter Road – July 29th through August 18th
 - Route 16 and Lakeview Boulevard – July 8th through July 28th
 - Odosagih and Hazelmere Avenue – September 9th through September 29th
 - Broad Bay Circle, Long Point Drive, and Yacht Club Drive – Sept. 30th to Nov. 3rd