



KOONTZ LAKE RSD

Sewer Project Update Newsletter

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Construction is nearly complete!

All of the infrastructure associated with the collection system has been installed. Selge Construction is working on restoration related items, and continues to coordinate with NIPSCO on getting power connected to all the grinder pumps so that required testing can be complete.

The Clean Water Plant is also in the final stages. All buildings are up and the tanks have been constructed. Thieneman Construction is now busy installing all internal piping and electronic controls. Due to weather, restoration and landscaping of the plant site is expected to occur in the spring.

One accomplishment to note is that to date, change orders on the combined \$7,617,700.80 project have totaled a mere 0.41%, which is extremely low for a project like our sanitary sewer system, which started "from scratch."

Required substantial completion dates for both contracts have been set for the end of January 2012. Due to weather, final completion is expected to occur in early April. This means that the period of time that residents will be required to connect to the system will begin sometime between those two dates. The exact time frame for that activity is yet to be determined, but it is expected to last around 6 months. Residents will be notified of all pertinent details via a note in their monthly bill in the next couple of months.

A permit from the District will be required in order to connect to the system. Office hours will be maintained at the Clean Water Plant to this end, and these hours are yet to be determined. (Most likely the first few hours of each day once the connection period starts) Permits can be obtained either by property owners or contractors on an owner's behalf. However, there is a form that is part of the permit paperwork called a "Building Sewer Agreement" that must be signed by the landowner. Inspections of the connection to the grinder pump and the pipe leading to it will be required. The home or building itself will also be inspected to ensure that all wastewater is being captured and directed to the system, and that no storm water drains or basement sump pumps are being connected. Failure to acquire a permit and schedule the proper inspections could result in the line or lines needing to be exposed later so that the inspections can then be performed, which could result in additional costs for either the contractor, the property owner, or both.

To help property owners and contractors, the District has adopted a set of minimum standards as it relates to building sewer connection lines. This set of standards is available on our website (www.klrtd.org) or by contacting the District Engineer.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions or concerns related to the current construction activity, we would encourage you to contact the District Engineer, Wightman Petrie, Inc. at any one of the following numbers:

Kenny Jones, PLS - Project Manager - 574-293-7762
Josh Weaver, PE - Project Engineer - 574-293-7762
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Sincerely,
The Board of Trustees
Koontz Lake regional Sewer District