

Lakeside Sewer Relocation Project Update

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The City of La Porte Wastewater Department is moving forward with the Lakeside Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project. Sanitary sewer serving the 100 – 500 blocks of Lakeside will be moved from its current location within Pine Lake and relocated onto land. Directional drilling techniques will be used to install the new sewer to minimize disruption. The new service line will follow the existing streets and driveways, eliminating lake water infiltration and potential contamination of Pine Lake. The sewer main currently serving this area has manholes and sewer line located underwater. With moving ice, these manhole covers get shifted allowing the sewer main to be flooded to capacity with lake water. Additionally, the almost 60 year old sewer line has been affected from the shoreline erosion. Corrosion to the sewer line has allowed even more water to enter the line, burdening the wastewater treatment plant to treat thousands of gallons of lake water daily. Construction is projected to start early summer 2020.

Easements are being secured to install the new sewer line and pump stations on private property. The easements will allow the City to maintain service and replace grinder pumps when necessary. The individual grinder pump stations are reliable, quiet and safe. La Porte evaluated multiple lakeside communities using this similar system and determined that grinder pumps and low pressure sewer is the best choice to serve our La Porte customers. The option to directional drill the new sewer lines results in minimal disruption to customer's landscaping and yards. Individual customer needs are being considered for the best outcome for all. The new sewer piping will be accessible for future repair and unlike the current system, allows connection for new service needs.

The City is offering property owners with a septic system connection to the new sewer line at no cost. Property owners with a septic system that decide to connect after the project is completed will be required to fund the cost of the pump station and connection, a cost of approximately \$5,000 - \$8,000. Connection for properties currently served by City sewer will incur no expense to connect to the new sewer system.

Bids will be advertised for construction soon. Please direct any questions about the sewer relocation project to Lori Stimley with the Wastewater Department at 219-362-2354 or lstimley@cityoflaportein.gov . Project updates will be posted at www.cityoflaporte.com using the *Wastewater Department* tab and choosing *Lakeside Sewer Relocation Project*.