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Chardon Twp WWTP & Sewer Project Update

- The WWTP site and sewer collection system is > 90% complete.



- Operational testing of the plant components began on 11/16/21 and is still ongoing.



- The County will accept the completed WWTP and sewer collection system once all tests are successful, deliverables received, and punch-list items completed. GCDWR is hoping that will be by end of December, but it may last into January 2022.
- The County is exploring additional resources to offset property owner lateral connection costs through the recent American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and House Bill 168. However, guidance has still not been issued on the process to procure the funds. The County placed this project on the HB168 Priority list with the Ohio Department of Development.
- No change on the Appellate Court decision. Nonetheless, GCDWR is still maintaining the \$28,000 sewer tie-in fee. GCDWR's 10/10/21 letter to residents presented two payment options.

- Once initial testing is complete and the County accepts the WWTP, lift station and sewer collection system from the contractor, residents will be able to tie-in once the County presents a timeline for residents. Again, the Appellate Court decision may impact this.
- County expectations are to begin sewer tie-ins in June 2022. If a resident would like to tie-in as soon as practical, please contact this office. This would help in setting up a schedule.
- As a reminder, Geauga County Environmental Health is not conducting septic system inspections in Berkshire Hts subdivision for any reason other than an emergency due to new sewage system.
- Again, if you have any concerns or complaints with the project, please contact GCDWR at info@gcdwr.org or call (440) 279-1970.

Please check our website for new/weekly updates.