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Dear Homeowner,

As you are aware, the Chardon Township, Berkshire Heights WWTP & Sewers Project is coming to an end. We estimate that the plant will be accepted by the County at the end of the year or early thereafter.

Once the WWTP and sewer collection system is accepted, homeowners in the Berkshire Heights Subdivision will be able to tie-in. The expectation is that all parcels will tie-in within six months of GCDWR taking control of the system.

There are homeowner costs associated with this as you are aware: (1) the tie-in or capacity fee of \$28,000.00 and (2) the costs associated with connecting the home to the sewer line. As the County was unable to use the property tax assessment process, the capacity fee will be due in one of two methods:

1. Provide the \$28,000.00 tie-in fee upfront as part of the sewer application permit process, or,
2. Provide payment over a 30 year period at 1.85% per annum that will be included with your bi-monthly sewer statement you will receive.

These options are open to homeowners that decide to tie-in within the six month period mentioned. If a homeowner decides to tie-in after the six-month period, the County will have to reassess the costs outside of options #1 and #2 above.

The GCDWR wanted to give you an update so you can plan for the future tie-in and associated costs. We will be sending more information in the near future and please check our website for updates.

Respectfully,

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