

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

North Kent Sewer Authority will hold a public hearing on proposed improvements and upgrades to its Clean Water Plant for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on May 19, 2022 as part of a special Board of Directors meeting at the CWP.

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to target cancer-causing Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) by removing debris that contains PFAS and by directly removing PFAS chemicals using special filters. The proposed projects will also add flow equalization to prevent sewer back-ups, control humidity to protect building structure, and replace aging equipment to maintain plant operation. The improvements proposed include the following:

1. Replace existing grinders with screens to remove debris that contains PFAS.
2. Install activated carbon pressure filters to remove PFAS.
3. Construct a fourth bioreactor to accommodate peak flows.
4. Put in aluminum membrane tank covers and an exhaust fan system to control humidity and protect the building.
5. Upgrade existing fine screens, conveyors, and compactors to decrease the frequency of break-downs.

Impacts of the proposed project include typical treatment facility construction with disruptions such as noise, dust, and traffic congestion caused by construction activities. The benefit will be a more reliable wastewater treatment system for the customers, replacement of aging equipment, removal of additional chemicals, and reduced operation and maintenance.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposed Project Plan is \$37,120,000. Year 1 (FY2023) of the Project Plan will cost an estimated \$5,984,000. In order to fund the important projects, the Authority anticipates funding through the current budget and the standard annual increase of 3% per residential equivalent unit (REU). There could be a potential rate increase of \$1.43 per month for each REU to cover the cost of the project in Year 1. The remaining future projects within the Project Plan will cost an estimated \$31,136,000 with an exact schedule to be determined. There could be an additional potential rate increase at the completion of the future projects of approximately \$18.66 per month for each REU to cover the cost of that work.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the following location(s):

PARCC Side Clean Water Plant  
4775 Coit Avenue NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on May 19, 2022 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to PARCC Side Clean Water Plant at 4775 Coit Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525.

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