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COVENTRY-AKRON JEDD

Joint Economic Development District



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Re: Portage Lakes Water Main Extension

Dear Property Owner,

The Coventry Township Trustees and the City of Akron are pleased to inform you about a great opportunity! We have been collaborating to provide drinking water to portions of Portage Lakes where public water has not been previously available. With community involvement, the City of Akron seeks to provide drinking water at an affordable cost, especially to those with contaminated or low-service drinking water wells.

Many of the residents in the affected area attached have voiced concerns about their private water wells. In some instances, the circumstances are so severe that residents routinely do not have enough water from their well to wash clothes, take showers, or even flush their toilets. Public health concerns over well contamination are also present.

A Town Hall meeting will be held at the Coventry Community Center on March 14th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss extending water service to the properties on the attached map, potential EPA funding, and expected costs to residents. The more residents interested in receiving public drinking water, the more equitable costs will be for each property owner.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The City of Akron has been diligently researching potential funding sources for the project and is in communication with Ohio EPA's Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Program Staff. Because there are multiple homes relying on single wells, as well as a small Public Water Systems (PWS) that serve multiple residents in one complex, this project is eligible for EPA funding.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

This is great news for property owners along the proposed route of the water main extension. The City has set an estimated residential tap-in fee of \$5280 if at least half of property owners decide to connect. The City will also offer the option to finance this cost over 15 years at 1% interest per year resulting in a payment of approximately \$32/month. These costs are contingent on EPA funding. If you decline this offer now and request to tie in at a later date, you will not be eligible to benefit from the special financing terms provided from WSRLA. Your tap-in fee will be based on the City of Akron Tap-In Fee policies in place at the time of the request.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU NOW

Attached to this letter is a Property Owner Questionnaire. We ask you to complete this survey and return it in the prepaid envelope as soon as possible, or you may return by e-mail to the Project Manager at ETHompson@akronohio.gov. By completing this questionnaire, you are not making a binding commitment at this time. This questionnaire allows us to seek funding. You may submit your questionnaire beforehand through mail, e-mail, or in person at the Township Administration Office.



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Please feel free to contact Anna Bryant at (330) 644-0785 or email us at bryant@coventrytownship.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Edward Diebold
Township Trustee
Coventry Township



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Property Owner Questionnaire

Property Owner:

Property Address:

Parcel Number:

Property e-mail Address:

Telephone Number:

Return e-mail Address: ETHompson@akronohio.gov

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR INTEREST IN OBTAINING PUBLIC WATER SERVICE:

- If the project qualifies for the special funding assistance discussed in the provided information, resulting in a tap-in fee not to exceed \$5,280, I am interested in a water service connection installed and plan to complete my house connection within three months of project completion.
- If the project qualifies for the special funding assistance discussed in the provided information, resulting in a tap-in fee not to exceed \$5,280, I am interested in a water service connection installed as part of this project. I have no immediate plan to complete the house connection, giving me the option of receiving public water service sometime in the future.
- I am not interested in public water at this time and do not want a service connection installed. I understand that if I desire to have public water in the future, the cost to have the service connection installed will be based on the pricing structure at that time and will NOT include any benefits from special funding assistance that may be received for this project.

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ANY ISSUES THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED WITH YOUR WATER WELL SYSTEM (INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY).
