

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEE ("CI" ON YOUR SEWER BILL)  
IRRIGATION UPGRADE AND COLLECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE

April 1, 2010

Capital Improvement Fee as recommended by the Sewer Advisory Committee will be added to the customer's sewer bill in April of 2010.

This fee is targeted to pay for capital improvements of the Grattan Sewer System and to save funds for future sludge removal at both of the treatment sites.

The fee will start at \$25 (quarterly) for the fiscal year 2010/2011.

For the next fiscal the fee will be reviewed and evaluated. Upon review by the Sewer Advisory Committee and the Grattan Township Board, the fee will be raised, lowered, remain the same or eliminated depending on the financial needs of the sewer system.

This fee will have a life of 10 years at which time it may be rescinded by vote of the Township Board.

In the fall of 2010 the township will be borrowing money to pay for the irrigation upgrade at the Grattan/Vergennes treatment site and for collection system upgrades as recommended by the Assessment of Facilities report developed by Infrastructure Alternatives. This upgrade is mandated by the MDNRE (old DEQ) to be completed by April 11, 2011. We will not know the total cost until the bidding process is complete and all the numbers are in. We expect this cost to be between \$750,000 and one million dollars. This expense will be equally divided between all of the sewer customers and placed on their tax bill or billed separately on an annual basis.

We will do our best to keep our customers informed as to the progress of this endeavor and keep the surprises to a minimum.

Please call Frank Force at 616-691-8450 if you have any questions in this regard or for questions on other sewer issues.

Remember; use your drains wisely to help reduce our sewer maintenance and upgrade costs.