

April 28, 2021

Dear Cowan Lake Sewer Resident,

As some of you may be aware, the Grattan Township Cowan Lake Sewer project is fundamentally complete and fully operable. Each of the improved (occupied) lots have individual grinder pumps and laterals connecting them to the main sewer line. The vacant lots have curb stops (valves to provide hook-up sites for future improvements) and provide access to the new sewer main for new homes. Homeowners may begin the hook-up process beginning on April 28, 2021. The deadline for occupied lots to procure the connection is **April 28, 2022 as required by Kent County Health Department regulations**. Detailed below is an outline of the requirements needed to connect to the system.

1. Apply for the required electrical permit to connect the service panel to the grinder control panel which will be mounted on the exterior wall of your home. The same permit can be utilized to upgrade your service panel (if needed) and a licensed electrician is recommended to determine that the service panel can handle the grinder pump requirements and to perform this work. You **will not be issued** a sewer hook-up permit without a submittal of your approved electrical inspections. **Electrical permits for Oakfield residents must be pulled from Oakfield. Oakfield residents are required to submit proof of completed electrical inspection to obtain the sewer permit.** Grattan resident's information will be on file with the Township.
2. Apply for a sewer permit at Grattan Township. **Property owners must sign the disclosure form attached to the sewer permit.** Permit total is \$2,910.00.
3. A licensed plumber is recommended to have your home drain connected to the grinder pump station. This is to ensure the proper fall for the wastewater to run into the chamber. This connection must be inspected by our sewer system manager before backfilling.

Timing is important here since you will be without a drain for a short period of time. Call at least 48 hours in advance for your inspection. Inspections can be scheduled by calling 616-401-1534, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

4. Abandonment of your current septic tank will be required before your one-year lead time expires. The septic will have to be pumped, crushed, filled with sand or other appropriate material. Approval of this work requires an inspection. Call at least 48 hours in advance for your inspection. Inspections can be scheduled by calling 616-401-1534, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Your hook-up to the pump chamber will have to be completed as well.

The Township is currently closed for in-person transactions so for your convenience, the sewer permit and electrical permit (Grattan residents only) are enclosed.

For questions regarding Sewer Permits, please contact the Treasurer's Department or email [deputytreasurer@grattantownship.org](mailto:deputytreasurer@grattantownship.org).

For questions regarding the electrical permits, please contact the Building Department or email [zbaa@grattantownship.org](mailto:zbaa@grattantownship.org).

Regards,

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