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WASTEWATER PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT

TOWN OF SACO PUBLIC HEARING – APRIL 13, 2022



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WHY ARE WE HERE & OUTLINE

- » Town Identified Sewer System Needs
- » ARPA Grant Applied For and Received
- » Planning Grants Obtained
- » Explain the PER Process
- » Wastewater Problems & Alternatives
- » Summarize Environmental Assessment (EA) and Impacts
- » Go over Funding and Potential Rate Impacts
- » Take Public Comment



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PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT

- » What is a PER
 - » Technical and Planning
 - » Required by Funding Agencies to Apply for Grants
 - » Defines Current and Future Projects
- » Evaluates Alternatives
- » Establishes Costs and Funding Scenarios
- » Develops Implementation Schedule



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PLANNING AREA COLLECTION AND TREATMENT AREAS

» Study Area



EVALUATION OF EXISTING SEWER SYSTEMPOPULATION

Year	Saco ¹	% Annual Increase/Decrease	Phillips County	% Annual Increase/Decrease		
1990	261		5,163			
2000	224	-14.2%	4,601	-12.2%		
2010	197	-12.1%	4,253	-7.56%		
2020	159	-19.2%	4,217	-0.85%		
Aver	age	-15.2%		-6.87%		
2042	177	0.50%				
(1) US Census Bureau						
(2) Population of Town at Design Year (2042) estimated from 2020 Census at conservative 0.5% Annual Growth						

Original design population=490



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EVALUATION OF EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM - COLLECTION



- · Reviews Original Maps
- Over 14,000 8" mostly Clay
- Some 8" PVC
- Some 4" and 6" extensions
- Future Extensions



EVALUATION OF EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM - COLLECTION SYSTEM

» Evaluation Methods

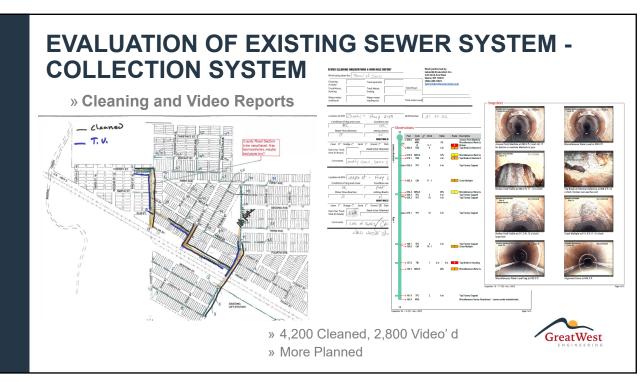
- » Sewer Cleaning and Video Reports
- » Site Visits/Investigations
- » Historical Information and Accounts

» History

- » No Major Capital Project Upgrades Done on Collection System
- » Repairs are Done as Needed
- » Town Routinely Cleans Lines



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EVALUATION OF EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM - COLLECTION SYSTEM

» Video Snapshots

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» Manholes









HWY 243

Alley b/t Vagg/HWY 2

1st St/HWY 2

Vagg/Nelson

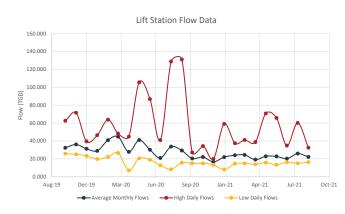


Note: Some Manholes are Under the Levee (South of Tracks)

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EVALUATION OF EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM - COLLECTION SYSTEM

» Flow Evaluation



- Average Annual Daily Flow Rate: 27,500
- gallons per day (gpd)
 Peak Monthly Flow Rate: 44,800 gpd
- Peak Daily Flow Rate: 131,000 gpd
- Peak Hour Flow Rate: 485 gpm



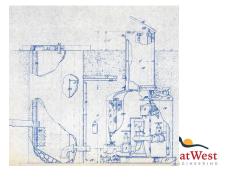
EVALUATION OF EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM – LIFT STATION

» Wet Well / Dry Well Lift Station









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EVALUATION OF EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM – TREATMENT

Treatment Lagoons w/ Discharge

- » Batch No discharge June 16 Sept. 30
- » Discharge 1-2 times per year
- » E.coli. Limits Exceed nearly 60% of time
- » TSS limits
- » BOD limits Exceed nearly 45% of time







Lagoon Issues

- » DEQ H&S Study & Recommendations
- » Influent Structure Splitter Control Not Working
- » Excessive Sludge about 2.5 million gallons
- » Eroded Banks





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ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION - COLLECTION

Methods to Consider:

- » No Action
- » Open Cut
- » Pipe Rehabilitation
 - » Pipe Bursting
 - » Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP)
 - » Bore and Jack Pipeline installation

Preferred Alternative:

- » Open Cut, with Bore and Jack at HWY
- » and Railroad









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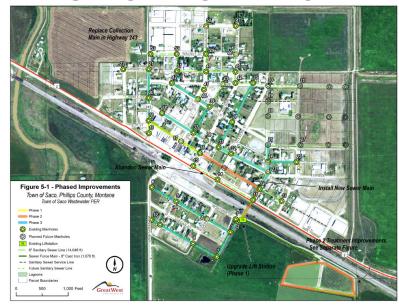
Locations & Phasing Total Project Estimates

» C-1: No Action

» C-2: Phase 1 - \$350k

» C-3: Phase 2 - \$960k

» C-4: Phase 3 - \$2.7 mil



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ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION – LIFT STATION

- » LS-1 No Action
- » LS-2 Lift Station Upgrades \$750k
 - » Submersible Packaged Lift Station







Methods:

- » No Action
- » All Options Would Remove and Dispose Sludge
- » T-1: Reconstruct Lagoons, add UV System
- » T-2: Reconstruct Lagoon, add Total Retention Lagoon
- » T-3: Minor Lagoon Upgrades, Effluent Irrigation
- » T-4: Minor Lagoon Upgrades, UV System









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ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION – TREATMENT

Methods:

» Lagoon Reconstruction Alternatives









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» UV System Options (Building or Vault)











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ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION – TREATMENT

- » Effluent Irrigation Options
- » DEQ Standards and Considerations:
- Keep Discharge Permit as Backup
- Flow meter required
 Raise a viable crop to remove nutrients
- Low trajectory sprayers End guns are not approved "should not" be placed in the flood plain.
- Could irrigate in mid to late summer,
- Groundwater is below 4-feet
- Own land or have 20-yr lease/agreement with a private
- **Nutrient Management and Irrigation Plan Required**
- No irrigation on surface water. No ponding Soil Conditions
- » Cost Effective Method











- » T-1 Reconstruct Lagoons Add UV System
- » Estimated Total Project Cost = \$2.6 mil



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ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION – TREATMENT

- » T-2 Reconstruct Lagoons, Total Retention
- » Estimated Total Project Cost = \$2.98 mil.





- » T-3 Minor Lagoon Upgrades, Irrigation
- » Estimated Total Project Cost = \$930,000



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ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION – TREATMENT

- » T-4 Minor Lagoon Upgrades, UV Treatment
- » Estimated Total Project Cost = \$1.3 mil.



SELECTION OF PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

ALTERNATIVE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
C-1	Phase 2 - Collection System Improvements	\$960,000
T-3 Phase 2 - Minor Lagoon Improvements, Irrigation		\$930,000
	\$1,890,000	

	ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COST INCREASE							
	ITEM	QTY	UNITS	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL			
1	Operator	40	HR	\$20.00	\$800			
	Nutrient Management, Irrigation							
2	Plan Logging	20	HR	\$20	\$400			
3	Power to Irrigation System	2,400	kWh	\$0.15	\$360			
4	Monitoring & Testing	1	LS	\$700.00	\$700			
5	Spare Parts/Maintenance	1	LS	\$500.00	\$500			
6	Reserve	1	LS	\$500.00	\$500			
	TOTAL				\$3,300			



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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

What is an Environmental Assessment (EA)?

» Public document analyzing environmental issues

Draft EA has been completed

- » State and federal agencies have been contacted
- » Many responses have been received
- » Public comments solicited







ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

No Substantive Comments or Assessments

- » Some Mitigated Impacts
 - » Leaking Underground Tank Areas and Mitigation
 - » Irrigation Permit DEQ Feedback
 - » Storm Water
 - » Flood Plain Mapping
 - » Railroad and Highway Crossings (Permits)

Decision:

- » Environmental Assessment is Acceptable
- » Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not necessary





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PROJECT FUNDING STRATEGY

Funding Sources Being Considered

» MCEP - Montana Coal Endowment Program

- » DNRC Department of Natural Resources and Conservation



» CDBG - Community Development Block Grant



» SRF – State Revolving Fund

» ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act



» RD – U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development





PROJECT FUNDING STRATEGY

Target Rate Analysis for Grant Eligibility

» Using 2015-2019 American Communities Survey (Department of Commerce)

Medium Household Income (MHI) = \$42,500

Department of Commerce Target Rate Threshold:

(Target Rate is 2.3% for combined water/wastewater)

SS & Water Target Rate = \$81.46/MO

Current Combined Rate (\$25 Sewer, \$55 Water) =\$80/MO

Percent Poverty = 21.7%

Low & Moderate Income (LMI) =55%

Town is eligible for RD, TSEP, CDBG Grants, SRF Loan w/ Forgiveness



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PROJECT FUNDING STRATEGY

PROJECT FUNDING SCENARIOS (\$1.9 Mil Project)

» Scenario #1

- » \$500,000 MCEP Grant
- » \$125,000 DNRC Grant
- » \$600,000 CDBG Grant
- » \$334,000 SRF Loan (2.5% 20 years) with 50% SRF forgiveness (\$333k)
- » \$6-8 per month rate increase

» Scenario #2

- » \$500,000 MCEP Grant
- » \$125,000 DNRC Grant
- » \$600,000 CDBG Grant
- » \$300,000 RD Grant (Assume 45%)
- » \$367,000 RD Loan (2.0%, 40 years)
- » \$5 to \$7 per month rate increase

» Scenario #3

- » \$500,000 MCEP Grant
- » \$125,000 DNRC Grant
- » \$570,000 RD Grant (Assume 45%)
- » \$697,000 RD Loan (2.0%, 40 years)
- » \$12 to \$14 per month rate increase
- » (Example without a CDBG Grant)



IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Action	Date	
Public Hearing on Draft PER & EA	4/13/22	
Complete Final PER, Adopt EA & PER by Resolution	April 39, 2022	
Apply for DNRC Grants	May 15, 2022	
Apply for TSEP Grants	May, 2022	
Apply for CDBG Grants	Fall, 2022	
Apply for RD Grants or SRF Funding	Fall, 2022	
TSEP Award and Contracting	June/July, 2023	
Finalize Grant Financing and Budget	June/July, 2023	
Contracting for Engineering Begin Design	June/July, 2023	
Begin Design	July/August ,2023	
Submit Design Plans and Specifications to MDEQ	November, 2023	
MDEQ Review & Approval	January, 2024	
Bidding Process	February/March, 2024	
Finalize RD Loan Financing	April, 2024	
Start Construction	May/June 2024	
Complete Collection and Treatment System Construction	By November 2024	



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WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

- » Public Opinion
 - » Is there support for the project?
 - » Make a comment
- » MCEP and DNRC Applications May 2022
- » CDBG and RD or SRF Applications Fall 2022
- » Phase 1 Project ARPA startup, start design



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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?



