

Project Costs Breakdown: Post-Project Costs:

There are 3 separate costs associated with a sewer project:

1. **Sewer Assessment** - After all the actual costs of the project have been calculated, the total is divided by the number of properties served. This cost is what is called a "sewer assessment." **This amount may be slightly different from the estimated amount presented prior to the start of the project.** Each property owner will be responsible for paying the assessment, **even if you choose not to connect to the system.** Payment can be made in one lump sum, or financed over a twenty year term at a low interest rate. An example of this is attached. Your property will have a sewer lien until the assessment is paid in full.



2. **Connection Fee** - The connection fee is **\$2,500.00**. This fee is only paid if and when you decide to connect to City sewer. This fee can either be financed or paid in one lump sum.
3. **Connection from Curb to House** - The third cost is what you pay to a private contractor for installing the sewer line through your property. The cost of this work varies based on the length of the property and the depth of the installation.

Once you are fully connected and using the City sewer, you will be billed the monthly sewer usage charge. Your sewer bill is based on how much water you use each month. However, the sewer rate (currently \$3.50 per 100 cubic feet) is designed to assume that some water usage does not flow into the sewer system (car washing, gardening, etc.) There is also a minimum customer charge of \$4.10 per month. For more information on NPU's rates, please visit www.norwichpublicutilities.com, or call the Customer Service Center at 887-2555.

Some Benefits of a City Sewer System:

- > Peace of mind! Once you connect to City sewer, sewer issues become our concern. You don't have to worry about septic system failure or contamination. While problems with sewer lines can occur from time to time, NPU has staff on call 24-hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to emergencies.
- > Increased property value.
- > Eliminate the headache and cost of replacing your septic system if the system fails.



SEWER PROJECT FACTS & FIGURES

For the Proposed Flyers Drive, Lambert Drive & Wayne Street Neighborhood

September, 2006



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Proposed Project Area:

Flyers Drive, Lambert Drive, Wayne Street, Ford Place, Hunters Road Extension, Hebert Lane, Canterbury Turnpike

Approximate Number of Properties to be Served: 149 **Estimated Assessment:** \$8,471.00*

**amount may change after actual project costs are computed*

How a Sewer Project Gets Approved:

Step 1:

Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) is contacted by one or more people in a neighborhood about connecting to city sewer.

Step 2:

NPU conducts preliminary engineering studies to determine the feasibility, size and estimated cost of installing a sewer distribution system.

Step 3:

NPU holds public meetings to provide information on the proposed project to all the residents who would be affected by the sewer project.



Step 4:

NPU polls the residents in the neighborhood to determine if the majority are in favor of the project.

Step 5:

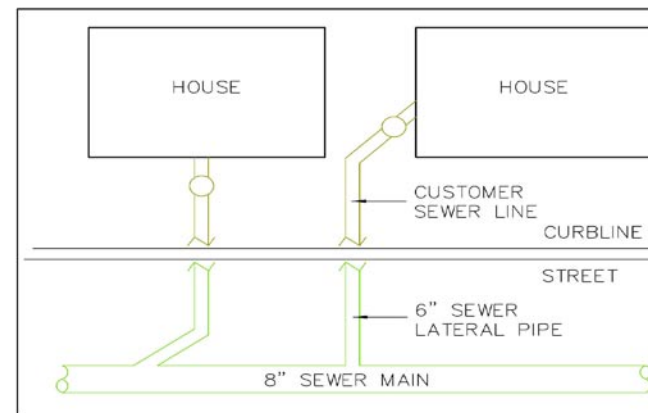
If the majority of the residents want this project, it is then brought before the City Council for a public hearing and bonding approval.

Step 6:

After Council approval, the Sewer Authority conducts a public hearing to hear comments - for or against the project - then vote whether to proceed with construction. Once approved, the project is sent out for bid. In accordance with City of Norwich policy, the contractor that submits the lowest bid is awarded the contract.

Construction Details:

- An 8" sewer main (pipe) will be installed in the roads. Depending on the contractor, the project may be done by one crew working from starting point to completion; or multiple crews may work in several areas simultaneously.
- From the 8" main, a 6" pipe (called a "lateral sewer line") will be installed to each property line ending at the curb. To determine the best location for this line, an engineer will meet with each property owner before the line is installed.



Please call the project manager, Bob Malouf if you have any questions or concerns about this information. He can be reached at (860)823-4189, or email him at bobmalouf@npumail.com.

- Should property owners decide to connect to the City sewer system, he/she must hire his/her own private contractor to install and connect the sewer lines from the house to the lateral sewer line that ends at the curb. All connection costs are the property owner's responsibility.
- After these pipes are installed, the roadway will be patched with asphalt. Once the construction work is completed, the affected areas will be cleared of any construction debris. Grass will be planted to restore properties to original condition.