

ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM



EASTSIDE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009

4:00-6:00 P.M.

FREDERICK AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, ROOM 112

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MEETING NOTES

I WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Bruce Woody, Public Works Department Director, introduced City staff members that were present as well as the project consultant team from Black & Veatch and Shockey Consulting who will be working on the project.

II FACILITIES PLAN OVERVIEW

Matt Schultze, Black & Veatch, gave an overview of the Facilities Plan. He stated that the Facilities Plan includes three different, but related, assessment studies:

- *Combined Sewer Overflow Control Facilities Assessment*
- *Stormwater Detention Basin Facilities Assessment*
- *Water Protection Facilities Assessment*

Mr. Schultze explained some of the issues on the eastside of the City. He stated that east of the Belt Highway, one pipe carries wastewater and another separate pipe carries stormwater. This type of sewer system is called a separate sewer system (SSS). He stated that a service area assessment will be conducted for the eastside that will:

- *Establish assessment criteria for potential Eastside Water Protection Facility (WPF);*
- *Identify and evaluate sites for potential Eastside WPF;*
- *Evaluate and select treatment process for potential WPF;*
- *Evaluate conveyance requirements; and*
- *Determine life cycle costs of alternatives.*

Participant Question: Where would the discharge go to?

Response: The 102 or the Platte River. There are pluses and minuses to both. It's not just about the best technology, but finding the best location too.

Participant Question: Is it a lot cheaper to build a plant over here?

Response: A cost estimate for building a new plant on the eastside has not been completed, so we don't know the answer to that question yet.

Participant Question: Is the plant at capacity now? Will we have to put money into the existing plant anyway?

Response: We are looking at upgrades at the existing facility. We'll present that information at future meetings. The Community Advisory Panel will also look at funding options.

Participant Question: If you don't build one, will it cost money regardless because of the upgrades?

Response: Yes. The existing WPF will require upgrades regardless of whether or not a new facility is built on the eastside. The upgrades required on the conveyance system on the eastside of the City will vary depending on whether or not a new facility is constructed there. Our initial thought is that it will cost more to build the facility on the eastside than make upgrades to the existing system, but we need to perform the cost calculations and to weigh all the pros and cons.

Participant Comment: The plant on the westside would probably last longer if a lot of water isn't pumped over.

Response: Currently, the plant has capacity to handle existing sanitary flow generated on both the east and west sides of the City.

Participant Question: When would something be built?

Response: We have to start upgrading pump stations in the next few years, but we wouldn't have to do much of those upgrades if the proposed Eastside Water Protection Facility was built.

Participant Question: How far out would you plan for?

Response: We'll keep an eye on the future. We would plan for the anticipation of future growth to the north. We have worked with the City to obtain population and growth projections for 2030.

III REVIEW LOCATION CRITERIA & RECEIVE FEEDBACK

Sheila Shockey, Shockey Consulting Services, discussed some location factors by walking through a document with drafted community and technical factors. She asked if there were any comments.

Participant Comment: We don't want to get too close to the floodplain.

Participant Comment: Even if building a new facility is more expensive, I think it would be worth it to allow for future growth.

Participant Comment: I don't think this project is on the radar of area neighbors yet.

Participant Comment: I think it would be viewed negatively at first because we haven't had any sewer issues. Why should we pay more?

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