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April 1, 2024

TO: All landowners/residents within Priority Service Area #1 (PSA1) as identified by the Marshall County Regional Sewer District (MCRSD)

RE: NOTICE OF UPCOMING PRELIMINARY DESIGN ACTIVITY

Dear Property Owner:

As you may be aware, the MCRSD has secured interim financing and is continuing to advance towards the construction and future operation & maintenance of a sanitary sewer collection system specific to the above mentioned service area, which is generally located immediately around Lake Latonka, Zehner Millpond, Thomas Lake, Myers Lake, Kreighbaum Lake, Cook Lake, Holem Lake, and Lawrence Lake, southwest of the City of Plymouth.

The attached Exhibit A provides a map of the approximate initial study area, and the approximate anticipated service area. When reviewing this map please be advised that the specific details and/or geometry of the actual service area will be finalized during the course of the project's final design which is currently in its' beginning stages.

The MCRSD has engaged Jones Petrie Rafinski Corp. (JPR) to serve as Project Engineer. Accordingly, JPR has begun activity associated with this assignment.

Initially, this activity will include various types of field and/or on-site investigations, data collection, topographic surveying, route and boundary surveying, and other similar activity. Some of this will include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) and fully marked automobiles equipped with LIDAR data sensing equipment, for the purposes of mapping the existing topography within the various project corridors. (Roadways, alleys, etc.)

There will also be certain environmental and protected resource experts from both JPR as well as other entities in the employ of the MCRSD, such as Stantec, who are charged with establishing an inventory of those items, such as wetlands, historically significant sites, certain soil types, etc., within the project area so that they can be appropriately protected and/or avoided entirely by future construction activity.

Some of this activity may require limited entry upon private property, but no activity will include the need for any significant work, such as large excavations, on any areas, public or private.

Some of the above-mentioned work may include hand excavating, with shovels, small holes up to 1 foot in diameter and 2 feet deep along some of the roadways within the project, either within the public right of way itself, or on private property in those areas where the adjacent public roadway exists within an easement. (Private property that's fully encumbered by the public roadway's right of way, in other words) Staff will immediately backfill all excavated soils and will take care to have minimal impacts on existing landscaping and lawn.

You will also be seeing existing underground utilities throughout the project area getting located and marked by Indiana 811 as part of this overall process.

If you have concerns about underground resources such as invisible pet fencing, sprinkler systems/irrigation lines, or non-regulated utility lines near or on your property, please contact us as instructed below.

If you have any records related to your private potable well or your on-site septic system, we would appreciate that information and you are welcome to send them to us as instructed below.

The activity discussed herein is a necessary and critically important component of the proper planning and design of the future project, and we are thankful for the opportunity to help the community reach what will eventually be looked at as a critical milestone in the local area's overall history.

The goal of all involved is to cause as little inconvenience as possible during this initial activity, and throughout the rest of the project, even during future construction, as possible.

If problems do occur, or if you would like to contact us and/or provide any information as discussed above, please feel free to contact us via phone at either 574.232.4388 or 260.422.2522, or, you can reach our team via email at <u>kennethjones@jpr1source.com</u>, <u>shenschen@jpr1source.com</u>, <u>anahrwold@jpr1source.com</u>, and <u>jransbottom@jpr1source.com</u>.

Please understand that if you contact us, we may not be able to respond to you immediately, as very soon we will be interacting with all members of the community on a continuous basis. In the interest of giving each and every interaction the careful attention it deserves, this often means that it could be up to 30 days before you hear back. We therefore request your patience and understanding in this regard.

Thank you very mug

Kenneth Jones, Jr., PS CFO/Principal

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