



Cecil County
Department of Public Works/Department of Finance

Public Information Meeting:
Transitioning CECO Customers to County
Sewer Service



November 13, 2019

Presented by:
Department of Public Works
Department of Finance



Purpose

- **To update current CECO customers and other interested parties on:**
 - **The project to connect CECO to the County's Cherry Hill sewer system**
 - **Plans to transition CECO customers to County sewer service**
- **To afford you an opportunity to ask questions**
- **To hear your concerns about the transition**



Agenda

- **Part 1: Project Update**
- **Part 2: Plans to Transition to County Sewer Service**
- **Part 3: Q & A**





Part 1

Project Update





Project Scope – Phase I

- **Construct a sewer pumping station & pipe to convey sewage from Manchester Park to the County's Cherry Hill sewer system**



— Gravity sewer
— Forcemain



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Project Scope – Phase I (Continued)

- **Estimated total project cost = \$2.85M**
- **Funding Source: MDE grant funding (Bay Restoration Funds)**
- **Current Status = 20% complete**
- **Estimated Completion Date = February 2020**





Project Scope – Phase II

- **Decommission & remediate the CECO sewage treatment lagoons**
- **Method of remediation = TBD**
- **Follow-on use of site = TBD**



ON HOLD

Currently on hold pending receipt of funding from the Maryland Department of the Environment



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Part 2

Transition to County Sewer Service



Steps in the Transition to County Sewer Service

<u>Step</u>	<u>Projected Date</u>
1) County completes connection to Cherry Hill sewer system	February 2020
2) County closes on acquisition of CECO sewer collection system & assumes ownership and responsibility for operation	February/March 2020
3) County sends out bills for the 1/1/20 – 3/31/20 quarter	April 2020
4) Payment due for 1/1/20 – 3/31/20 quarter	June 1, 2020

Note: All dates are estimates only and are subject to change.



CECO's rates have not changed since 2001!

Rates

- **CECO's Rates (as approved by the Maryland PSC in 2001)**
 - **\$46.84 Quarterly Fixed Customer Charge**
 - **\$9.36/1000 gallons Usage Charge (for flow over 4933 gallons)**

For some reason, CECO apparently has not been charging this Usage Fee

- **CECO customer using 9000 gallons/quarter should have been charged:**

\$46.84 Quarterly Fixed Customer Charge
\$37.44 Usage Charge (4 x \$9.36 = \$37.44)
\$84.28 Total (not including BRF fee)



Note: \$84.28 in 2001 equates to \$121.91 today.*

* Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI Inflation Calculator



Rates (Continued)

- **Current County Rates (as approved by the County Council)**
 - **Metered rate based on water consumption as reported by Artesian**
 - **\$13.65/1000 gallons (for flow up to 100,000 gallons/quarter)**
 - **9000 gallons minimum/quarter**
- **County sewer customer using 9000 gallons/quarter will be charged $\$13.65 \times 9 = \$122.85/\text{quarter}$ (plus BRF fee)**

*That equates to about
\$1.37 per day.*

The Wastewater Division Fee Schedule is available on the DPW Wastewater Division portion of the County website at:
www.ccgov.org/government/public-works/public-works-divisions/wastewater-division



Rates (Continued)

- **What do you get for your money:**
 - **Somebody who will answer the phone 24/7**
 - **Somebody who will maintain the sewer collection system and respond when there is a problem**
 - **Somebody who will operate the Wastewater Treatment Plant in an environmentally-responsible manner, with the waste being treated to a much higher standard with much less risk to public health and the environment**





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Sewer Billing

Sewer Billing Schedule		
Billing Period	Billing Mailed	Due Date
July - September	End of October	December 1st
October - December	End of January	March 1st
January - March	End of April	June 1st
April - June	End of July	September 1st

Payments may be made in person, over the phone or sent by mail to:

Cecil County Government
200 Chesapeake Blvd
Suite 1100
Elkton, MD 21921
(410)996-5385

Cecil County also offers online payments using its easy and convenient Munis Self Service. This service can be reached through Cecil County Government's website at www.ccgov.org. Credit Card and Debit Card transactions have a 2.39% convenience fee. E-Check payments can be made for a flat rate fee of 95 cents.



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Sewer Billing (Continued)

Sample Bill #1 – Based on 7,000 Gallons of Usage



CECIL COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE
 200 CHESAPEAKE BLVD., STE. 1100
 ELKTON, MD 21921
 (410) 996-5390

SEWER BILL
Customer Copy
 Keep this portion for your records

Customer		Service Address		Tax Parcel I.D.	Due Date
MANCHESTER PARK CUSTOMER 1		1 MANCHESTER PARK STREET		12345678	03-01-2020
Bill Number	Account Number	Customer #		Bill Date	
162340	12345678	419711		12-31-2019	
Description	Period Ending Date	Period Beginning Date	Usage	Charge	
CHERRY HILL SEWER	12/31/2019	10/01/2019	7000	122.85	
STATE BAY RESTORATION FEE	12/31/2019	10/01/2019	0	15.00	
Last Payment Amt	Last Payment Date	Principal Past Due	Past Due Interest	Current Charges	Amount Due
.00		.00	.00	137.85	\$137.85



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Sewer Billing (Continued)

Sample Bill #2 – Based on 17,000 Gallons of Usage



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 ELKTON, MD 21921
 (410) 996-5390

SEWER BILL
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Customer		Service Address		Tax Parcel I.D.	Due Date
MANCHESTER PARK CUSTOMER 2		99 MANCHESTER PARK ROAD		23456789	03-01-2020
Bill Number	Account Number	Customer #		Bill Date	
162341	23456789	410712		12-31-2019	
Description	Period Ending Date	Period Beginning Date	Usage	Charge	
CHERRY HILL SEWER	12/31/2019	10/01/2019	17000	232.05	
STATE BAY RESTORATION FEE	12/31/2019	10/01/2019	0	15.00	
Last Payment Amt	Last Payment Date	Principal Past Due	Past Due Interest	Current Charges	Amount Due
.00		.00	.00	247.05	\$247.05



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Part 3

Q & A



For additional information

- **Regarding billing, contact:**
Department of Finance at (410) 996-5390
- **Regarding the construction project, contact:**
Department of Public Works at (410) 996-5268

You will receive a New Sewer Customer Welcome Packet with additional information once the transfer date is set.