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Greetings from Wampum Borough Council,

As you may be aware, water system owners, such as Wampum Borough, have been navigating a new federal rule pertaining to water systems. These rules and regulations have been come to known as the Lead and Copper Rule Revision or LCRR. LCRR, a federal requirement, is administered and enforced by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP).

For more than 18 months, Wampum Borough Council has been proactively developing a strategy to accommodate these new regulations **at the least cost** to our water rate payers. The LCRR will require replacement of lead and galvanized public and private water service lines within the next 10 years.

To that end, acknowledging that there is significant grant funding currently available (and may not be available in the future), council has authorized a project and obtained permits to accommodate these requirements.

The scope of the project includes replacement of certain main lines, certain public-side service lines as well as certain private-side service lines that contain lead components. The general area of the project is focused on those areas of the Borough along Kay Street, Main Street, Beaver Street, Clyde Street, Apple Way, Orchard Street and JFK Street among others. There may be other properties outside of the general area described above that may be applicable to the project. Please refer to the attached Project Area Location Map.

The borough has also obtained funding commitments in the form of grant funding (nearly \$4.4M) and low-interest loan funding (just over \$1.0M, 1% for 30-year term). In summary, the borough's proposed project will be funded by nearly **82% grants**.

The next step in the process is to acquire easements/rights-of-way in order to construct the project. Attached to this letter is either a License Agreement and / or a Water Main Line Easement and Agreement applicable to your property to accommodate construction of the project.

A series of informational meetings will be held at the Wampum Borough Fire Hall located at 709 Church Street, Wampum on the following dates. Each meeting will present the same information; therefore, you only need to attend one of the meetings.

- **Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**
- **Monday, December 16, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**

Representatives of Wampum Borough Council, the Borough Engineers and the Borough Solicitor will be on hand at these meetings to answer questions. The purpose of the meetings will be the following:

- Discuss the project and importance to the Borough and its residents / property owners.
- Review the License Agreement and Water Main Line Easement Agreement language.
- Review location of the proposed water service line and/or water mainline for a specific property.
- Sign the agreements. Notaries will be provided at each meeting at no charge to the residents to witness and notarize the agreements. **Please note that residents will need to have photo identification available to execute the agreements. If the property is owned jointly, all property owners must be present with identification to sign the agreements. If the property is owned by a company, a representative from said company (with photo identification) must be present with proof of authorization to sign on behalf of the company.**

Light refreshments will be provided.

We hope to see you at one of these meetings, and look forward to keeping our water system compliant with rules and regulations, continuing to provide reliable service, and improving its sustainability for future generations of Wampum residents.

Also, as part of the LCRR, Wampum Borough was required to develop an inventory of service line construction materials and submit it to PaDEP by October 16, 2024. This requirement was met by Wampum Borough. The inventory required the Borough to classify each service line as “Non-Lead”, “Lead”, “Lead Status Unknown” or “Galvanized Requiring Replacement.”

Following the inventory, a supplemental requirement is a standard form notification for those service lines that were categorized as “Lead”, “Lead Status Unknown” or “Galvanized Requiring Replacement.” This notification is required to be issued by November 15, 2024. This letter and related attachments satisfy these requirements. If your service line was categorized in one of the three categories identified above, please find PaDEP standard form “Customer Notification.”

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Borough office at (724) 535-8241.

Sincerely,

Wampum Borough Council

Attachments

- (1) – Wampum Borough Lead Replacement Project Area Map
- (2) – License Agreement and / or Water Main Line Easement and Agreement (as applicable)
- (3) – PaDEP Customer Notification (if applicable – only to the “Lead”, “Lead Status Unknown” or “Galvanized Requiring Replacement” categories)