



SHAWNEE RD. & HUME RD. SEWER IMPROVEMENT AREA

Project Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Why am I receiving this information?

You are receiving this notice because your property is located within the proposed Shawnee Rd. and Hume Rd. Sewer Improvement Area (see enclosed map).

The Allen County Sanitary Engineering Department will be constructing a public sanitary sewer system to serve properties in the project area.

Why is this project being proposed?

The Health Department determined that failing or inadequate septic systems are contributing to contamination in area drainageways and tributaries.

Many properties within the project area have limited space available for replacement leach fields or other on-site wastewater treatment systems. As a result, the installation of a public sanitary sewer system was determined to be the best long-term solution.

What is being proposed?

The proposed project will:

- Construct public sanitary sewers throughout the project area.
- Connect properties to a centralized wastewater collection system.
- Abandon existing septic systems.
- Provide long-term wastewater service through a regional treatment system.

Individual grinder pumps and low-pressure sewers will be utilized to serve the area.

What will this cost property owners?

Proposed Public Sewer Option

Estimated costs include:

Item	Estimated Cost
Initial Connection Cost*	\$0
Monthly Sewer Bill (2027)	\$59
Monthly Debt Service Charge	Approximately \$10-\$30 (30-year, 0% loan)
Total Monthly Cost	Approximately \$70-\$90

*Provided the Service Agreement is returned and project funding is secured.

Alternative: Private On-Site System Replacement

Property owners choosing or required to replace their existing septic systems may experience costs such as:

Item	Estimated Cost
Initial Construction Cost	\$20,000–\$30,000
Monthly Operation & Maintenance	Approximately \$65

Cost Comparison

Based on current estimates:

Option	Estimated 15-Year Cost
Public Sewer	Approximately \$16,000
New On-Site System	Approximately \$27,000

The proposed public sewer project is expected to provide a lower overall cost to most property owners over the long term.

How is the project being funded?

Allen County pursued several funding sources to reduce costs to property owners, including:

- The Allen County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) has awarded a \$570,000 grant to the project
- Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) has awarded a 30-year 0% interest loan to cover the additional cost

What do I need to do?

Return Your Service Agreement

Returning the enclosed Utility Agreement allows Allen County to:

- Take advantage of available grant and loan funding.
- Include septic abandonment and connection work within the project.

Failure to participate will result in the need to independently connect to the public sewer and abandon your existing on-site wastewater treatment system at the property owner's expense. The signed agreement can be dropped off at our office or mailed to **3230 N. Cole St., Lima, OH 45801.**

Call Our Office at 419-996-4670

Please provide a phone number and/or email address to receive project updates.

Tentative Project Schedule

Activity	Estimated Date
Bidding	Fall 2026
Construction Begins	Fall/Winter 2026
Construction Complete	2027

Questions/Additional Information

If you were unable to attend the August 25, 2026 informational meeting and would like a copy of the presentation materials or have questions regarding your property, please contact the Allen County Sanitary Engineering Department at 419-996-4670 or visit our website (<http://www.allencountyohio.com/sanitary-engineering>).

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