

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORT WAYNE SEWAGE WORKS AND THE ADOPTION AND PURPORT OF THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SAME

Property owners, ratepayers and other interested parties in or served, or to be served by the sewage works of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana ("City") are hereby notified that on August 12, 2025, the Common Council adopted a bond ordinance ("Ordinance"), thereby determining to construct additions and improvements to the City's sewage works consisting of:

### Wastewater Facility Expansions and Operational Improvements

Fort Wayne City Utilities (FWCU), in conjunction with its Consent Decree continuation and future economic development planning, has plans for a multi-year improvement plan to be implemented and additional infrastructure, buildings, facilities and structures may be added to the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), Wet Weather Ponds, Biosolids, Field Operations and other facility areas. Additional land and access routes may be required to allow for more cost-effective construction, operation and expansion of facilities in these areas.

### WPCP Treatment, Repair and Replace and Operational Improvements

As part of its long-term plan, systems for WPCP treatment and residual management are being rehabilitated and upgraded as necessary to reliably support treatment capacity, improve its efficiency and meet permit requirements. These improvements are being implemented in a sustainable manner so that the energy necessary to run the associated systems is reasonably minimized and is intended to reduce or mitigate increases in FWCU operational costs. Improvements included, but not limited to, are upgrades to treatment systems, headworks systems, aeration system, electrical and control systems, effluent treatment and piping, and biosolids facilities.

### Sludge, Digester & Methane System Improvements

A multi-phase digester improvement program is currently being implemented in the capital program. Currently, six (6) digesters and their associated facilities and systems are in service which allows the FWCU to produce class "A" sludge as well as produce methane gas that is utilized to generate energy. FWCU intends to make reliability, efficiency and operational improvements, consistent with its regulatory commitments, including improvements to the high strength waste receiving facilities and systems, methane gas systems, boilers and heat exchangers, sludge handling systems and the digested sludge force main system. These improvements are being implemented in a sustainable manner so that methane produced by the digestion process can be utilized to produce heat and power or converted into other energy sources for use by FWCU.

### Wet Weather Pond Pumping, Storage and Dewatering Improvements

The Wet Weather facilities on the north side of the river across from the WPCP are a vital part of FWCU's wastewater treatment program. Additional improvements to the Wet Weather pond infrastructure and facilities will be made to increase their capacity and ability to store and discharge treated wet weather flows efficiently and effectively.

#### Combined Sewer System Capacity Improvements

The projects in this category of work generally include partial sewer separation by the construction of new storm drains and/or sanitary sewers and structures but may include various other technologies/methods and source control efforts to reduce Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's) and improve neighborhood sewer or stormwater system capacity. In these projects, the City will investigate the potential for incorporating green/sustainable solutions.

#### Technology Improvements

FWCU plans to implement technological improvements for operational efficiency, reliability, security and customer service. These projects will often be in partnership with the Water and Stormwater Utilities. Projects include, but are not limited to, improvements to Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, communications, monitoring and control systems and improvements to business, process control and asset management systems.

#### Collection System - Capacity Improvements

This category of work will consist of a combination of projects and efforts directed towards improving the capacity and reach of the collection system for economic development as well as improving levels of service and reduction and mitigation of sanitary sewer overflows and surcharging in the existing sanitary sewer collection system. Areas of work identified for potential improvements include sewer infrastructure serving and areas tributary to these subbasins. Work may include sewer rehabilitation, sewer construction, pump station facilities, wet weather storage/equalization improvements, septic elimination, source control and other collection system improvements as determined necessary by ongoing planning and engineering studies of the areas.

#### Collection System Improvements – Repair & Replacement Program

The goal of the Sewer Repair and Replacement Program is to develop, implement and monitor sewer repair/replacement strategies to proactively, following standard industry asset management principles, identify deteriorating or assets in the sewer collection system that are reaching their useful life. It is also to coordinate review and analysis of sewer operation and maintenance data to select and prioritize collection system renewal, repair and replacement projects as per the Consent Decree and the City's regulatory and long term capital plan commitments. Cured in Place Piping (CIPP) and other trenchless construction technologies are

often utilized for renewal and repair of piping and manholes, but sometimes the construction of improvements requires open cut installation and excavation for new underground sewer infrastructure.

The maximum estimated cost of the projects is \$191,000,000. The Ordinance further directed that the cost of the projects be financed by the issuance of revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$191,000,000, payable solely from the net revenues of the sewage works, on a parity with the Outstanding Bonds (as defined in the Ordinance). The bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum and shall mature over a period not to exceed thirty-five (35) years after their date of issuance. Copies of the plans, specifications, cost estimates and of the Ordinance are on file in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer and are available for inspection by any interested parties during regular business hours. Objections to the Projects and the bonds may be filed in the time and manner provided by the Indiana Code, Title 36, Article 9, Chapter 23.

Dated August 20, 2025  
/s/ Lana Keesling, Clerk-Treasurer