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Monroe Manor Sewer Separation FAQ

What improvements will be made?

The combined sewers will be replaced with separate storm and sanitary sewers. Water mains, streets, curbs, and sidewalks will be replaced.

Why is the project needed?

The new storm sewers will alleviate the street flooding. The roads and curbs are in very poor condition and are need of replacement.

When will the work begin?

LaPorte borrowed money for the project in May 2015. Survey work was recently completed and engineering is completed. Bids for the work will be received September 8th. Work will begin this fall and be completed next summer(2016). Any work completed this fall will include road restoration so that the roads can be plowed during the winter.

How long will the work take?

Work will begin this fall and be completed next summer(2016).

Will I be able to get to my house during construction?

Pipe, sidewalk, and road installation will block road access to the houses immediately adjacent to the work. As the construction crew moves up the street access will be restored. The construction crew will strive to minimize the length of time that driveway access is blocked.

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My lateral sewer requires frequent cleaning due to root intrusion, will the project fix this problem?

New lateral sewers will be installed from the sewer main to the property line. If your lateral sewer is full of roots from the property line to your home, this will not fix the problem and a plumber is recommended.

What will happen to my driveway entrance?

Existing driveway entrances will be replaced with new concrete approaches.

How is LaPorte paying for the project?

LaPorte borrowed money by selling bonds to pay for the project. Approximately 3.0 million is funding is available for the project in 2015 and 2016. The money will be paid back over 20 years and represents a cost of \$375 for each of LaPorte's 8,000 sewer customers.

Will trees be removed?

Most of the trees along the roadway(in the road right of way) will be removed for installation of curb and sidewalk.

Will trees be replaced?

Trees will be replaced on a 2 for 1 basis. As there are many driveways and conflicting utilities, some new trees will likely be placed in locations other than Monroe Manor. Property owners will have an opportunity to select the type of tree and placement.

Will there be sidewalks?

Yes. The new sidewalks will 5 feet wide, a foot wider than the current sidewalks in order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

What are combined sewers?

Combined sewers carry both sanitary wastewater("sewage") and storm water. Combined sewers were commonly built until the 1970's, when it became apparent the that discharges from combined sewers polluted the nations waterways.

What is the project's timetable?

- 1999 - LaPorte builds a 60" storm sewer to provide for a lake system drain, sewer separation along Monroe Street, and Monroe Manor sewer separation. Project cost was \$3.0 million.
- 1999 - Monroe Manor's combined sewer outlet is redirected from the Lawrence Street 48" Combined Sewer to the Boyd Blvd 60" Combined Sewer. The new connection improved drainage for both Monroe Manor and Lawrence Street Sewer service area.
- 2012 - A 36" storm sewer is extended from the 60" storm sewer to the entrance of Lawndale to provide for the future separation of Monroe Manor. Project cost was \$545,000.
- 2014 - Sewer rates are increased to support a bond issuance for Monroe Manor Sewer Separation, Lakeside Sewer Relocation, and reconstruction of the Pine Lake Avenue Sewage Pumping Station.
- 2015/04 - Design contract issued to NIES Engineering
- 2015/05 - \$4.4 million in bonds sold for project
- 2015/08/06 - Design scheduled to be complete
- 2015/09/08 - Bid opening for Monroe Manor
- 2015/09/14 - Contract award

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- 2015/09 - Construction to commence. Construction will break for winter and start again in the spring.

If you have additional questions regarding this project please contact the La Porte Wastewater Department at **219-362-2354** or via email at **monroemanorproject@cityoflaporte.com** or visit our website at **www.cityoflaporte.com/138**