



# Koontz Lake RSD Sewer Project Newsletter

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## System Design News

The design for the clean water plant is underway! The Engineers are working hard on both the internal and external components of the plant, as well as the design of the site surrounding it. Preliminary discussions have taken place with all required permitting agencies, such as the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

The collection system design is also making significant headway. Currently, the field location design of all grinder pumps has been completed. Design of the initial force main layout is underway, but not yet complete. Preparation of actual plan sheets has begun. After the design of all force main is finalized, the Engineers can begin the low pressure analysis, as exact locations and lengths are very important for the accuracy of this analysis.

Currently, work is being done on the spreadsheet that's been created which includes information on all project grinder pumps and the street addresses they are associated with. Starke and Marshall County GIS information was used as a starting point, now the information must be reviewed in detail so that proper distinctions can be made between land owner's mailing addresses, and the street addresses for the land they own. (Both addresses are important to the overall project) This will help the District, residents, Contractor, and the Engineer in keeping track of which grinder pumps have been installed, and which properties they serve. Discussions are also underway with Nipsco to ensure that each location can be properly served with electricity.

## Easements

As discussed in earlier newsletters, easements will only be needed from certain homeowners. So far, we've identified 86 easements needed and information packets have been mailed out. These easements are primarily located within the eastern half of the lake community. We are currently working on identifying the easements and homeowners for the rest of the project and will be sending out information packets soon. These packets will include:

- 1-Cover letter
- 2-Copy of blank easement document (for review and possible execution)
- 3-Copy of the land owner's recorded deed for reference
- 4-Vicinity map of the subject property within the project
- 5-URA Brochure, When a public agency acquires your property

A separate certified mailing is also being provided to the first 86 recipients containing the URA Brochure.

It is very important for the success of this project that these documents get executed and recorded as soon as possible. If a land owner has any questions about any of these documents, we would ask that they contact Jennifer Ransbottom at Wightman Petrie, The District's Engineer. She can be reached at either 574-293-7762 or via email at [jransbottom@wightmanpetrie.com](mailto:jransbottom@wightmanpetrie.com). Jennifer and other staff from the District Engineer are available to meet with land owners as needed and can also provide a notary public upon request.