



NOTICE OF PROJECT PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Warren (City) will hold a public meeting on the proposed Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program for the proposed Lead Service Line Replacement Program (Program) for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5460 Arden, Suite 505, Warren, Michigan 48092 during the regular City Council Meeting.

The proposed Program description and details are organized into a comprehensive "Project Plan". If the DWSRF application is successful, the City will have the ability to employ EGLE's DWSRF low interest loan program to fund the proposed project; however, utilization of the loan is not mandatory. Project construction proposed in the Project Plan includes the following:

- Water service lines identified as lead or galvanized steel during the 2022-2023 Service Line Verification Project will be replaced with new copper piping from the water main to the curb stop (public side), from the curb stop to the meter inside the premises/building (private side), or both.

Impacts of the proposed Program include the following:

- **Public Health:** Reduction in the potential for exposure to lead in drinking water.
- **Customer Disturbance:** Service line material replacements can be disruptive to water supply system customers as entry into the home or business is necessary to complete the work. Scheduling and coordination for construction activities to replace service lines can be an inconvenience to some customers.
- **Increased User Rates:** An increase in user rates will be necessary to fund these improvements. Replacement of the lead service lines has been made mandatory by the State; however, by replacing the water service lines in large quantities and spreading out costs amongst all water system customers, the rate increase has been minimized.
- **Noise:** Noise due to construction activities such as construction equipment, machinery, generators, compressors, etc. will be kept to a minimum, as practicable. The work hours will be maintained in accordance with local ordinances.

The proposed Program total cost is estimated to be \$12 million. The repayment of the DWSRF loan, if approved, will be apportioned to City water customers based on water consumption. The estimated user costs to finance the proposed project have been determined assuming DWSRF financing with a 1.875% interest rate. The apportionment costs are based on an annual average over a 20-year period to provide an estimate for user charges per unit (1,000 cubic feet or 1.0 mcf) of water consumption. The approximate user rate increase necessary to retire the debt incurred from the proposed program is \$1.14/mcf or \$14 per year for the average user over the life of the loan.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the following location beginning of **Friday, April 28, 2023:**

- City of Warren Engineering Division
One City Square, Warren, MI 48093

Written comments received before the meeting record is closed on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023** will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to:

- Attn: Maria Corona
Hubbell, Roth, & Clark, Inc.
555 Hulet Drive
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the City at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the public meeting, if requesting accommodations.