

NOTICE OF PROJECT PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Portland will hold a public hearing on the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Collection System Improvements project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The City is pursuing subsidized financing through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) to make necessary improvements to the wastewater collection system and WWTP. The improvements will focus on reducing inflow and infiltration and address identified deficiencies to ensure continued reliability and meet future planning needs. The City is also pursuing low-interest financing through the CWSRF program over a 30-year period and a principal forgiveness subsidy for qualifying Green Project components.

The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 17, 2021 at the following location: City Council Chambers at City Hall, 259 Kent St, Portland, MI 48875.

Recommended improvements include the following:

- Various collection system repairs
- Lift station improvements
- Secondary treatment improvements
- Biosolids handling improvements and additional biosolids storage
- Building improvements
- Pump system replacement

Expected impacts of the proposed project include improved treatment efficiency and increased reliability of the wastewater treatment plant and reduction of inflow and infiltration in the collection system. Short-term construction related impacts include noise and dust during construction, as well as minor traffic disturbances.

The average cost to users to finance the proposed project entirely through the CWSRF Program is estimated at \$15.00 to \$19.50 per month per Residential Equivalent Unit (REU). Actual monthly costs will vary depending on financing terms, grant eligibility, individual usage, and community rate structures.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project will be available for review on April 17, 2021 at the following location(s):

- Portland City Hall 259 Kent St, Portland, MI 48875
- Online at the City of Portland website: <https://www.portland-michigan.org/>

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on May 17, 2021, will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to:

City of Portland
Attn: Nikki Miller, City Clerk
259 Kent St
Portland, MI 48875
cityclerk@portland-michigan.org