



Gleneden Sanitary District
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Tax Authorization for Existing Infrastructure

- Gleneden Sanitary District is asking for voter approval of a 5-year tax levy of **up to \$0.77** per \$1,000 of assessed value to provide funding for a seven-year capital plan on the **existing** sewer system.
- Capital spending would include replacement and upgrades to **existing infrastructure**. The sewer system is aging and substantial expense is expected to be incurred over the next 5-7 years to continue to provide reliable service.
- Without this revenue, the District would need to immediately raise user rates above and beyond normal standard increases for operational costs. This would amount to a significant increase.

The projects in the existing seven-year capital plan do not include the new wastewater treatment facility. This plan is still 5-7 years out from completion.

1. Why are we asking for money?
 - a. Cover projected costs of high priority pump station replacements from the District's Master Plan. The District has developed a long-range capital spending plan (5-7 years) for replacement of aging collection systems infrastructure.
 - i. Pump Station Replacements
 1. **Current pump stations needing replacement were built between 1975-1976**
 2. The District currently has 16 pump stations, 11 of which will need replacement in upcoming years based on priority status
 3. Like most infrastructure in the US, ours is deteriorating
 - ii. Upgrade telemetry & control systems
 1. Current control & telemetry systems are 25+ years old and have become outdated
 2. Current pump station controls cannot be repaired any longer because parts are no longer available due to age
 3. Telemetry systems control the sewer alarms which prevent sewer spills and are a vital part of state compliance



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2. What other funding options have been considered?
 - a. Price increases- base rate could increase 40-50% based on rate study projections of the current Master Plan.
 - b. Use Bond approval to raise capital - Long term, this would not be the most cost-effective option as it could become necessary to fund the Waste Water Treatment Facility in 5-7 years. A Bond levy does come with placement fees and interest expenses.

3. What are the benefits of choosing a Local Tax Option to raise funds for existing capital?
 - a. Tax payments are deductible on personal income taxes.
 - b. Spreads funding over all potential property owners in the District which would include all unimproved lots. An estimated 20% of the District (375 lots) have no sewer connection
 - c. The Board of Directors could elect to assess less than the maximum rate of \$0.77 per \$1,000 of assessed value if estimated costs were less than projected.
 - d. Keeps user rates that are paid monthly at a reasonable price with reasonable increases for operational costs.

**Questions or comments? Please join our Board meetings on
March 13th or April 10th at 4pm - held at the District office
or virtually.**

**A community outreach meeting will be scheduled and details
will be posted on the District website.**