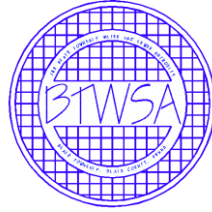


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Dear Neighbor,

We are writing to share important updates on our efforts to bring reliable, modern wastewater services to the Reservoir Road community. This is the first letter of what will become our regular update to clearly communicate the project's progress and delays.

First, we want to clarify the decisions made by the BTWSA Board at the March 4, 2026, meeting. Most important, the Reservoir Road project was not canceled. We did learn, however, that the 2.51-million-dollar grant for Contract 1 of the project will expire on September 26, 2026, and any funds not expended by that time will be lost. Because we are up against a deadline for grant expenditure, we decided (1) to enlist the aid of US Congressman Dr. John Joyce in requesting an extension of time to utilize the grant funds and (2) to request approval for a scope expansion that would include other BTWSA waste-water projects in the event the extension was not granted. A scope expansion, option 2, will allow us to make use of at least some of the grant funds to repair existing infrastructure and to purchase some needed materials for the Reservoir Road project.

We then held a special meeting on March 19, 2026, to discuss the status of the requested grant extension, the verdict on our scope expansion request, possible traditional financing avenues, and improving communication with residents, like you. Unfortunately, as we learned shortly before the meeting, the grant extension did not meet with a positive result, as our congressman declared that it would take an act of Congress for such approval. On a more positive note, the scope expansion was approved. Additionally, it appears that traditional financing is a viable option and would help to make the Reservoir Road project more affordable than a loan through Penn Vest would. Thus, we will explore this option more fully at our next meeting. Last, we decided to begin sending these newsletters to provide updates on the project and to facilitate communication with you.

To date, a multitude of factors have contributed to and continue to delay the project. The Component 3M document has gone through and continues to go through DEP review, comments and resubmission; currently, our engineer is addressing the latest DEP comments, and we await DEP approval. Additionally, the easement process has been delayed since February 2025 because the Blair County Grant Coordinator needed to clarify language in the letters. The necessary

clarification was not received until December 2025. Presently, our engineer is working to acquire the permits required for construction in a federal floodway for Pump Station 1. If everything continues to go as planned, Keller Engineers believes the project will be shovel-ready by the end of 2026. The construction of Contracts 1 and 2 is anticipated to take a whole year for completion.

So, what can you do to help to move this project forward? In fact, we do need your help in providing sewer access through property easements. Indeed, the project's success is dependent on the easements that allow BTWSA infrastructure to cross privately owned property. There are 145 properties that need to be crossed to build the project as designed. At the time of this letter, only 23 easements have been settled voluntarily. Completing this project affordably depends on the cooperation of neighbors like you. By signing a voluntary easement, you help us to avoid high legal costs and keep the project moving forward for everyone. If you are in support of the project, signing your voluntary easement is the best way to ensure its successful and timely completion.

Your voice matters in this process. We encourage you to attend our public meetings that are held on the first Wednesday of every month. Check our website (btwsa.org) for agendas and times. As a Board, our goal is to provide a reliable remedy for the failing systems through the installation of a sanitary sewer line, which is the only solution BTWSA is authorized to provide. If you have questions about alternatives to the sanitary sewer, the Township's Sewer Enforcement Officer, Luke Helsel, is the designated contact to discuss those options with you.

Finally, we are providing the list below of your elected officials and their contact information. They ultimately work for you and can help BTWSA to secure/extend grants and put pressure on regulatory agencies to help expediate permitting.

US Senator John Fetterman – 717-782-3951

US Senator Dave McCormick – 814-357-0314

US Congressman Dr. John Joyce – 814-656-6081

State Senator Judy Ward – 814-695-8386

State Representative Scott Barger – 814-695-2398

Blair County Commissioners – 814-693-3030

We look forward to working together to move this project across the finish line.