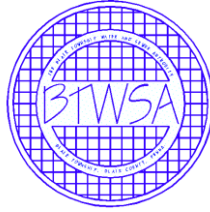


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Dear Neighbor,

We are writing to share important updates on our efforts to provide reliable, modern wastewater services to the Reservoir Road community.

Project Progress

To maximize expiring grant funds, we are prepared to move forward with constructing a section of sewer line from Loop Road to the future East View Road Pump Station in Contract 1 and a section of force main along Reservoir Road between contracts 1 & 2. This involves active construction and placing pipes in the ground. These steps would deliver tangible results in 2026.

Additionally, we can use these grant funds to purchase the pipes for Contracts 1 & 2 now. This ensures materials are on hand once permits and easements are finalized. However, we currently lack the space to store this volume of material. If you have land and are interested in assisting the project by storing Reservoir Road materials, please contact BTWSA.

The Importance of Easements

The project's success depends on easements that allow infrastructure to cross private property. Of the 145 necessary easements, only 28 have been settled—up 5 from our last update.

Completing this project affordably depends on your cooperation. Voluntary easements help us avoid high legal costs and keep the project moving. If you support this project, signing your voluntary easement is the best way to ensure its completion.

The future of this project depends entirely on community participation. The board strictly views eminent domain as a last resort and prefers not to use it. Therefore, if a majority of the easements remain unsigned, the project will not move forward.

We are treating your response to the easement request as a community vote:

- Signing your easement counts as a "YES" vote to bring modern sewage infrastructure to Reservoir Road.
- Declining or delaying counts as a "NO" vote to cancel the project entirely.

We are not here to force a project onto a community that does not want it. If you want this project to succeed, please contact us to sign your voluntary easement today.

In-Person Outreach

To better understand the low turnout for easements, BTWSA representatives will be reaching out in person.

Understanding the Alternatives

If this project does not move forward, the underlying issues will remain. The Township's Sewer Enforcement Officer (SEO), Luke Helsel, has indicated that most Reservoir Road households have non-compliant on-lot systems. While BTWSA's goal is to provide a reliable, collective remedy, a failed project would require the SEO to investigate individual properties. Homeowners could be required to pay for private repairs costing as much as \$30,000. Generally, a public sanitary sewer is the most cost-effective solution for homeowners.

If you have questions or wish to explore alternatives to the BTWSA sewer, please contact Luke Helsel directly.

Your Elected Officials

We encourage you to reach out to your government representation. They can help secure or extend grants and assist in expediting the permitting process:

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

Further Updates

In an effort to make these correspondences more readily accessible to everyone, subsequent news letters will not be sent via mail and will instead be posted directly to our website: btwsa.org

Please check our website as our meeting minutes, agenda and contact information are all available there.