



Investment in the future: Improving our environment and infrastructure.

Like many communities across the United States, Oneida County is dealing with serious issues relating to its deteriorating sanitary sewer system. And we no longer have the option of putting it off for another generation to deal with.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has begun processes to expand requirements for Capacity, Management, Operation, Maintenance (CMOM), as well as Private Property Inflow and Infiltration district wide. There will also be increased water quality sampling and testing requirements (causing more labor and expenses). *These programs must be completed on both a municipal and district-wide level in order to comply with more stringent state and federal mandates.*

There is no avoiding the costs, and failure to comply brings the added risk of a DEC moratorium on any type of regional growth and economic development. The County's challenge is to find a way to raise revenue to cover costs in as fair and equitable a manner as possible.

District fiscal responsibilities.

The Oneida County Sewer District must plan for mandated costs as well as the continuing increase in the cost of operations. The following reflects the District's 2013 budget expenses.

Flow Monitoring	Private Property Program	CMOM Program	Steering Committee	Sampling & Testing	Others
Includes: data acquisition/hosting/ Quality Assurance/ Control, data analysis	Includes: public information, technical support, data management, hardware/software	Includes: technical support, data management, hardware/software	Includes: intermunicipal collaboration and communication	Includes: mercury, toxicity testing and the establishment of a mercury minimization program	Includes: retirement costs, utilities
\$500,000	\$155,000	\$165,000	\$40,000	\$100,000	\$338,000
(\$960,000 combined due to mandates)					

We're in this together. We all stand to benefit.

While specific sewer system issues vary from one municipality to the next, each one has problems that need to be addressed.

The District's 2013 operating budget previously outlined applies to work that needs to be completed district wide. This work is separate from capital construction projects related to District-owned system components, Sauquoit Creek Basin repairs, and City of Utica's Long-Term Control Plan improvements.

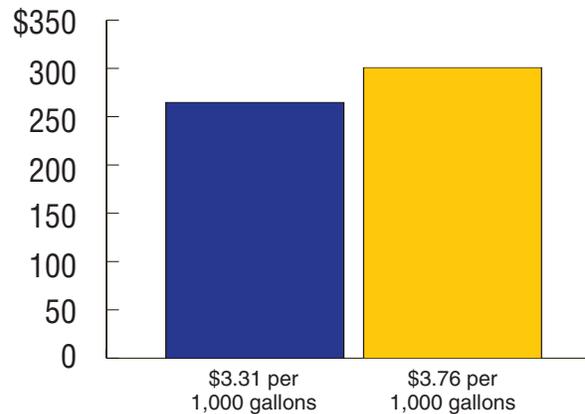
In addition, the District has been working diligently to incorporate the most time- and cost-effective approach to implementing processes that will ensure communities' systems are well maintained in the future. This has been done in collaboration with all district members and spearheaded by our community-based Steering Committee.

The District and its consultant team is prepared to foster community dialogue to answer questions and increase project awareness.

Effects on ratepayers.

The current rate is \$3.31 per 1,000 gallons of water. The proposed increase would raise the rate to \$3.76 per 1,000 gallons.

For a ratepayer using 80,000 gallons per year:



A ratepayer who consumes 80,000 gallons of water per year will pay an extra **\$9 per quarter or \$36 per year** as a result of the proposed rate.