

February 25, 2019

## SUBJECT: SEWER PROJECT ENGINEERING DESIGN CONTRACT AWARDED

Dear Future Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District Customer,

This letter is to notify you that the Whitley County Regional Water & Sewer District (Whitley RSD) has awarded the contract for formal engineering detail design services to VS Engineering Inc., for the proposed South Churubusco sanitary sewer project.

While working on the sewer design and submitting it to Churubusco and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for permitting approval, VS Engineering Inc., has also constructed a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to submit to IDEM, in an effort to receive the State Revolving Fund low interest financing, which was discussed at the March 19, 2018 meeting.

VS Engineering Inc. is initiating its formal design work for the project at this time. It is anticipated that the design will be completed and approved by August 2019, with competitive bidding for construction to take place shortly thereafter. When the bidding process has been completed, a public meeting will be scheduled to update the property owners on the current status of the project and answer any questions regarding the construction phase of the project. VS Engineering Inc., will likely be scheduling a community meeting of its own to discuss project specifics with homeowners.

It is anticipated that IDEM will approve the PER so that the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan can be closed in September 2019. Finally, construction of the sewer may begin when the loan has been closed. It is anticipated that construction would begin in Spring 2020. When construction and testing of the sewer is completed, you will be notified to connect to the sewer.

With that timeline in mind, the Whitley RSD will continue to monitor and manage the progress of the project throughout this process. If you have any questions regarding this meeting or the Whitley RSD, please feel free to e-mail the Whitley RSD at SewerDistrict@whitleygov.com. We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Lana Beregszazi, BCS Management, Inc. Chair of the Whitley County Regional Water and Sewer District Review and Consulting Board

cc: Whitley County RSD Board of Trustees Mark Herald, VS Engineering Inc. Whitley County Health Department The Board of Commissioners of Whitley County Thomas Nitza, Walden Environmental Engineering