

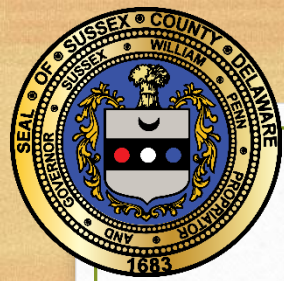


Sussex County Engineering Department

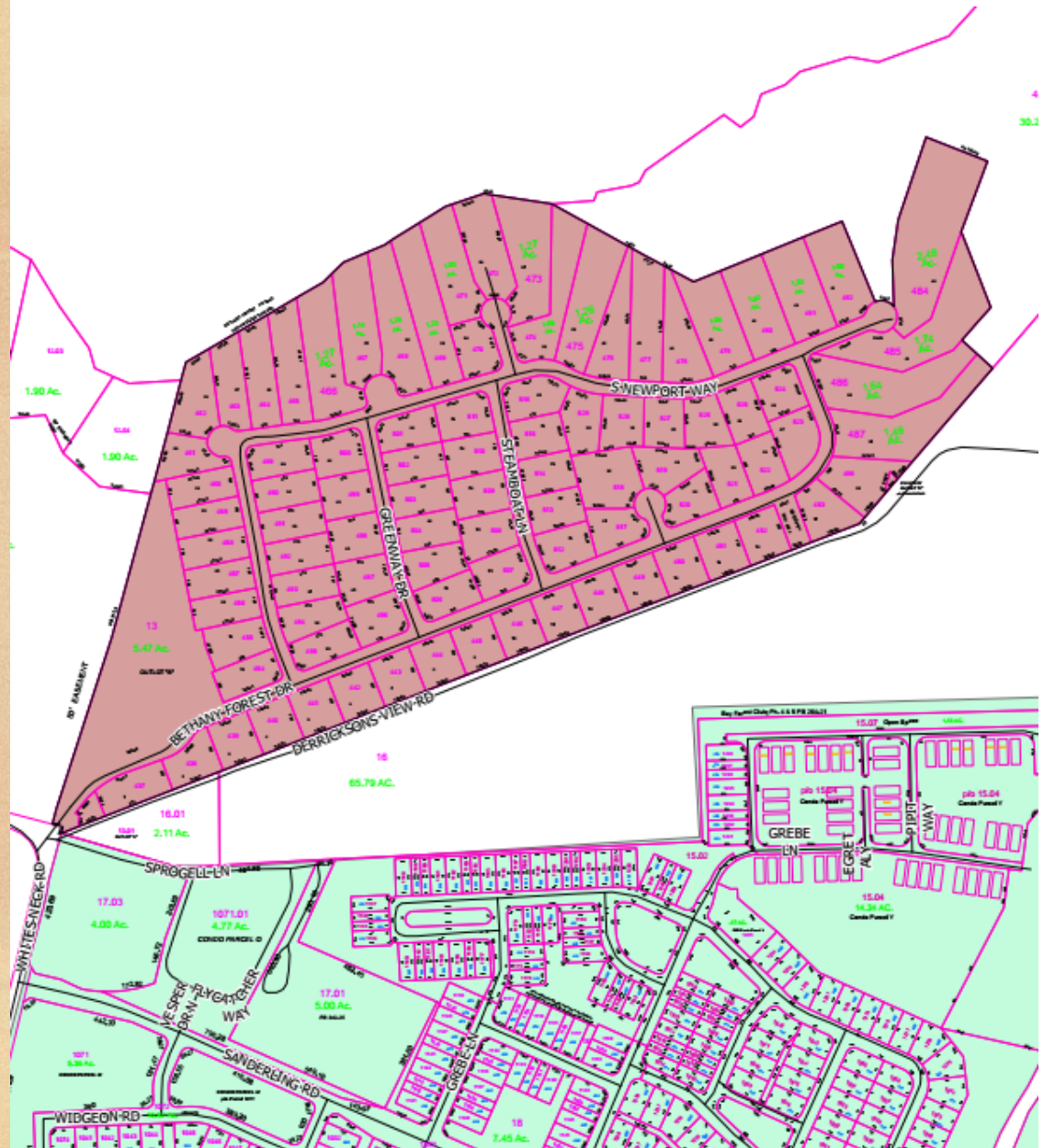
Proposed Bethany Forest Expansion of the Sussex County Unified Sanitary Sewer District (Millville Area)

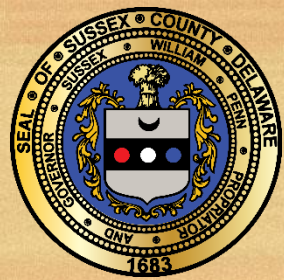
Public Hearing
Millville Town Hall
36404 Club House Road
Millville DE 19967
October 21, 2022 @ 6:00PM





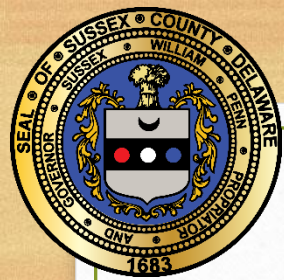
Proposed Boundary





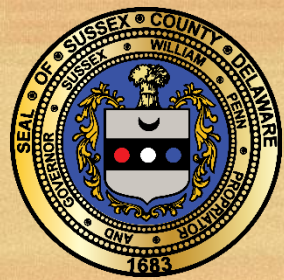
Project Background/Information

1. The Engineering Department received a request in the past to circulate polling letters on the interest of central sewer. The polling letters were sent in October of 2019. The results showed insufficient interest to proceed with a project.
2. The HOA at a more recent community meeting again approached the idea of central sewer and there appeared to be more interest. The HOA then sent polling letters and presented those results to the County showing (60) in favor, (12) opposed and (21) not responding.
3. The Engineering department with 63% interest presented to County Council on August 23, 2022, with a request to prepare and post notices for a Public Hearing. County Council approved that motion.
4. Existing sewer stops about 500 feet south of the entrance to Bethany Forest along Whites Neck Road.
5. This existing manhole is not deep enough to serve the entire Bethany Forest community by gravity, therefore the county would propose to install a lift station to capture the balance of the community.



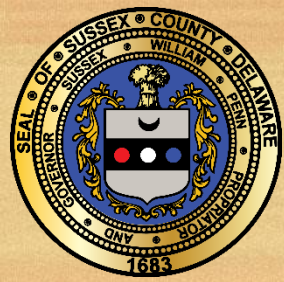
Cultural & Historical Resources





General User Rate Information

1. Assessment charge billing begins when the system becomes operational.
2. Service charge billing begins when a home or business is connected or at hook-up deadline.
3. A vacant lot will pay the assessment charge, but not the service charge.
4. A single-family residence is one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU).
5. Assessment is based on a per EDU basis.
6. All users must connect their home within 120 days of the system becoming operational.
7. Financial assistance is available to qualified homeowners, through various grant and loan programs.



Estimated Rates

Current Annual Service Charge:

\$320.00/year per EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit); billed quarterly to connected customers (subject to change during the annual budget process).

Annual EDU based Sewer Assessment Charge:

\$1,000.00 (fixed for the term of the financing)

System Connection Charge (SCC):

\$0.00 for existing homes at the time of project completion the one-time SCC fee will be included in the financing. Any future connection will be charged the SCC fee in effect at that time.

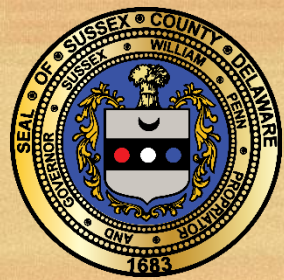
Estimated Annual Charge:

\$320.00 (service charge) + \$1,000.00 (EDU) = **\$1,320.00****

Estimated Connection Expense:

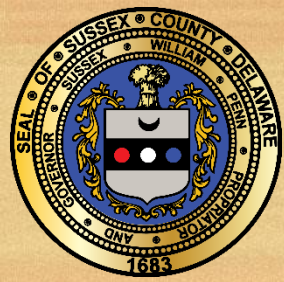
Plumbing costs between \$2,000-\$2,500 based on complexity and \$100.00 Permit Fee to Sussex County.

** Based on federal recommendations that the total annual charge not to exceed 1.5% of Median Household Income (MHI) as reported in the latest available Sussex County wide Census Data.



Proposed Schedule

Time Frame	Action
October 21, 2022	Public Hearing
November 2022	Sussex County Council Vote on Annexation
July 2025	Facilities Plan; Environmental Assessment; Funding Application; Easement Acquisitions & Preliminary Design
December 2025	Preparation Construction Documents & Permitting
June 2026	Advertise/Bidding Phase
October 2026	Construction Period
October 2027	System Operational

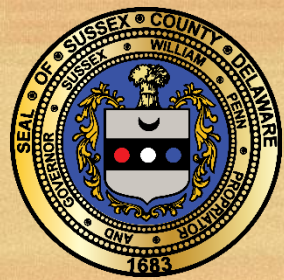


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Questions / Comments



GRINDER PUMP INSTALLATION IF REQUIRED

Ellendale E-one



Typical Grinder Pump Connection

