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Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a copy of the Map, Plan and Report available? The draft Map, Plan and Report is posted on the Town of Mina website (townofmina.info). Other related reports such as the Preliminary Engineering Study have been posted on the Town's website.

Where is the district boundary? A map of the district boundary is available for viewing at the Town Clerk's Office during business hours. It is also posted on the Town of Mina website (included in Map, Plan and Report): townofmina.info.

How much will the project cost? The total project cost before grants are applied is estimated to be approximately \$26.1 million.

Is grant funding available? Yes, we anticipate approximately \$15,000,000 to \$22,000,000 in grant funding will be received.

How much will an average single family home pay per year? The Town Board has established a maximum monthly cost for the first year of operation not to exceed \$110. The cost may be lower than this based on grant funding received and actual construction costs.

What do the sewer bills pay for? Approximately 50% of the potential districts sewer bills would be used to pay for the installed infrastructure (capital debt). The other 50% of the bill would be used to pay for Operation and Maintenance. Sewer systems require maintenance and full-time operators.

What construction does the project complete and what is the responsibility of the property owner? The project will install one sewer lateral to within 10 to 25 feet of an individual property's likely connection point (distance may vary slightly by property). Depending on the property, a grinder pump may be required to lift sewage into the public sewer system. The project will provide and install the grinder pump, if required. The property owner will be required to decommission their existing septic/sanitary facilities and connect to the project installed sewer lateral. If a grinder is installed, the property owner will be required to power the grinder. Additional details on typical connections will be reviewed at the public informational meeting.

How much does it cost to connect and who pays for it? Connection costs are estimated to be approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 depending on the difficulty of the connection. It would be the responsibility of the property owner to contract with a local plumber to connect to the sewer system. This would be a one-time cost paid by the property owner.

I can't afford the connection costs. Is there grant funding available to help pay? Yes, government grant programs are available that can pay for some or all of the connection cost. Should the District move forward, the Town of Mina can help residents apply.

What infrastructure will be installed on my property and do I have a say? Should the project move forward, the Town of Mina engineer will meet with each property owner individually to discuss impacts and review locations of proposed facilities. Each property owner will have input on their site specific design. Properties that require a grinder pump will have a grinder pump pit installed on their property, likely near the existing septic system. Other infrastructure may include manholes or small pump stations. Exact infrastructure will be determined during the design phase of the project.

How was the proposed District Boundary determined? The boundary was determined after several discussions between the Town Board and the engineer. In general, the district boundary encompasses all properties that are directly on the lake or will have sewer running directly along the property (i.e. on the other side of the road from the lake). The final district boundary was determined by the Town Board.

How was the EDU Schedule determined? The EDU schedule was created based on a variety of similar lakeside districts across New York State. Properties assessed more than 1 EDU have the option to add a water or sewer meter (at the property owner's expense) to be assessed on actual flow rather than what the EDU schedule shows. All occupied parcels will be assessed a minimum of 1 EDU regardless of actual flow amounts.

How were EDU assessments determined? The EDU assessment was developed from Chautauqua County tax parcel information. EDU assessments are based on the property class code and parcel size from the data provided by the County. Should the District be passed, the final EDU assessments will be determined by the Town Board. EDU assessments are subject to change at the Town Board's discretion.