

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the 7 Mile Creek Action Plan

- 1. What is the Action Plan and why is the City completing it?** In the fall of 2012, the City hired a local civil engineer to evaluate some of the existing trunk and interceptor lines to determine if there was adequate capacity to safely transport sewage from the residents and businesses. It was determined that several of these large lines were at or over capacity, and that the City would need to increase the pipe sizes to protect public health, the environment, and to allow future growth. The City filed a voluntary action plan with KDHE in April of 2013 to complete the project in three phases, as funds and conditions allow.
- 2. Who is the Design Engineer and how were they selected?** The City selected George Butler Associates of Lenexa, KS after completing a qualifications based selection process. This process included elected officials and City staff.
- 3. How many properties will be affected?** The project starts at the city's wastewater treatment facility and spreads west through the Lansing Correctional Facility, around the City Park, and generally follows 7 Mile Creek as it moves west to the Lansing Middle School. Phase I of the project is south of 4<sup>th</sup> and Connie Street from Main Street east into heavily wooded terrain. In all, there are 26 properties that the proposed improvements cross.
- 4. Will this project affect my property?** The design engineer has mailed letters to the property owners who will be impacted by the project, and there has been a very successful response. If you have not received a letter from the design engineer, your property will not be impacted by this project at this time.
- 5. What is the purpose of the open house on January 29<sup>th</sup>?** The open house is specifically being conducted to show the affected property owners our preliminary design, and to determine if there are any site specific issues that the design team needs to be aware of, for example: abandoned wells or foundations, landfills, future plans for landowner improvements, old septic systems, and any horticultural concerns on the property.
- 6. How much will this project cost?** The design engineer has delivered several cost scenarios for the city to consider, ranging in price from \$4.13M to \$6.47M dollars. These cost estimates include a 25% contingency, as the design of the project is only about twenty-five percent complete. Refined cost estimates will be delivered at a later date as the design work is finalized.
- 7. How will this project be funded?** Staff proposed that this project could be funded in a variety of ways, and no particular funding source has been decided to date. The costs for the project can be funded from the utility, without impacting the mil levy or other capital project reserves.
- 8. Is this project related to the new Lansing High School?** This project is in a different watershed, and is in no way related to the new construction for the high school or the bond issue.
- 9. Where can I find more information about the project?** The city's website, [www.lansing.ks.us](http://www.lansing.ks.us) has a page devoted to the project, and information will be updated as it becomes available.