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Dear Carpenter Street Property Owner:

The City of Appleton is considering a new program to help property owners replace their entire sanitary lateral at a cost share that creates an incentive to have this outdated infrastructure updated! Property owners own, and are responsible for, the sanitary lateral from their home all the way to the connection to the sanitary sewer main in the street. The cost and effort for property owners to address their laterals on their own can be significant, so the proposed program is being discussed to help alleviate those challenges.

The City is considering a full sanitary lateral replacement program to help reduce clearwater infiltration and inflow into our sanitary sewer system. Everything that enters the sanitary sewer system is treated at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Treatment of clearwater is a wasted expense for our Utility Rate Payers, and can cause a by-pass of the treatment plant if too great of infiltration and inflow occurs. Because there is almost the same length of private laterals as city-owned sanitary sewer, we know that the infiltration and inflow problem will not be adequately reduced without addressing the replacement of private laterals.

The City's current policy is to replace the private laterals from the sanitary main to the property line and assess a portion of the costs to the property based on the Council approved rate for that year. In 2017, the lateral replacement rate is \$48.30/foot so the average property owner is being assessed \$1,450. Under the proposed program, if a property owner agreed to have their entire private lateral replaced (from the home to the sanitary sewer main) then the City would pay 100% of the lateral replacement within the street right-of-way and 50% of the lateral on private property. If a property owner did not wish to participate in the program, then the proposal is that the property owner would pay 100% of the cost of the lateral within the street right-of-way and the portion of the lateral on private property would not be replaced. Below is a simplified example of what the proposed program could look like:

	City Share	Property Owner Share
Current Program (50/50 cost share in street only) (No private lateral replacement)	\$1,449	\$1,449
Proposed Program - full replacement (Owner volunteers to have private side replaced)	\$2,590	\$990
Proposed Program - street portion only (Owner does not agree to have private side replaced)	\$0	\$2,880

We are very interested in getting your feedback on this proposed program as Carpenter Street has been selected as the Pilot Project for the new program in 2019. There will be an education session followed by property owner input at the Tuesday, July 11, 2017 meeting of the Utilities Committee. The meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 6A on the sixth floor of the City Center located at 100 North Appleton Street. You are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Vandehey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Paula Vandehey, P.E.
Director of Public Works

c: Alderperson Keir Dvorachek
Alderperson Matthew Reed