

News release: Lincoln Area Sewer Separation Public Meeting

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PORTSMOUTH – The City will hold an Aug. 18 public meeting on the Lincoln Area Sewer Separation project, which is in the area bounded by Richards Avenue, Middle and South Streets, and part of the City’s long-term plan to separate older combined sewage and stormwater pipes.

The public information meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Library’s Levenson Room and will discuss the Contract 3A project design and potential impacts associated with construction. The project scope, schedule and sequence of construction will be presented. The City’s staff, consulting engineer and contractor will be available to answer questions.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late August to early September, and will include improvements to the sewer lines, drain lines, water mains, roads and curbing.

The project will allow the City to comply with federal and state regulations requiring the separation of sewer and stormwater pipes and also will reduce flooding and sewage backups. In addition, it reflects the City’s efforts to incorporate sustainable practices within municipal operations because it will result in less excess flow that must be pumped and treated, reducing the amount of chemicals and electricity needed for treatment. The reduced peak flow also will allow for smaller tanks and equipment in any future wastewater treatment facility upgrades, leading to lower capital construction costs.

The sewer-separation project will be funded by a State Revolving Fund loan, water revenues and City funds. Portions of the project also will be eligible for State aid grant reimbursement.

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