

Wastewater Treatment & Long-Term Control Plan Update

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PORTSMOUTH – The City will hold a public update session Wednesday, June 23, to review the draft Wastewater Master Plan and Long-Term Control Plan it recently submitted to State and Federal regulatory agencies.

"We have submitted the draft of the plan and continue to work with the regulators on moving forward with upgrades to our wastewater collection system," said City Manager John Bohenko. "This meeting gives us an opportunity to continue our efforts at keeping the public informed as to the work that is being done on this important and complex issue."

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Library's Levenson Room.

The City submitted the draft plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for review earlier this month. Once feedback is received from the regulators, the City will submit a proposed final plan in September of this year.

Following a three-year effort, the Master Plan identified a preferred alternative that includes a phased expansion of the Pease Facility to serve as the City's primary Wastewater Treatment Facility, with the existing plant on Peirce Island converted to a wet weather facility to enable the City to deal with excess stormwater.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for citizens to learn about the preferred alternative, as well as some of the background information that went into its formulation. The City's consultants will assist in the presentation.

The Draft Wastewater Master Plan can be viewed at www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/wwmp.htm . Copies also are available at the Library and the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.