

WHAT IS A CGI?

Customer Generated Infrastructure, or “CGI”, is a program that the District offers to assist a homeowner with a documented failing on-site septic system to connect to sanitary sewer.

The program assists homeowners through designing, financing and extending the sanitary sewer to the property line.

This process also allows for the District to divide the cost of the extension among the properties that are provided sewer and hold the debt associated with the properties that do not connect with the project until such time as a sewer connection is needed.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO INITIATE A CGI?

- A written request by a property owner with a failing on-site septic system
- \$300.00 non-refundable Engineer’s Report Fee (If the CGI goes to construction, this payment will be applied as a credit against the construction total for the property owner initiating the process)

HOW DOES THE CGI PROCESS WORK?

A CGI project follows these basic steps:

- A CGI project is initiated by a property owner with a failing onsite septic system.
- District staff completes and issues an Engineer’s Report, detailing the extent and estimated cost of the proposed project
- The District contacts the other properties within the proposed project boundary in an effort to gain participation of 50% of the properties involved (the District Board of Commissioners has the authority to allow the CGI with less than 50% owner participation if the situation requires)
- If minimum participation levels are met by signing a contract and providing the required 10% down payment, the project moves into the design phase
- Once final design is approved the project goes out for bid and construction
- Once the sewer is constructed and accepted the construction costs are formally adopted by the Clark Regional Wastewater District Board of Commissioners
- The participating property owners need to finalize their contracts and connect to the public sewer within 30 days

AND/OR

- An LFC is established for non-participating properties

HOW DOES A PROPERTY OWNER FINALIZE THE CONTRACT?

The contract is finalized in one of two ways:

- By paying the remaining balance of the contract in full

Or

- By entering into a 5-yr or 10-yr finance contract with the District in which monthly installments are made

AM I REQUIRED TO CONNECT?

No, the District does not require connection but the costs of the construction will be assessed to the properties in the form of a Local Facilities Charge (LFC).

The LFC will be assessed to the Title of the respective property for their portion of the project. Even though the assessed LFC is not technically a lien because it is only due upon connection to sewer, the LFC does show up under the Lien section of a Title search report.

An LFC being treated as a standard lien depends on the lending institution(s) involved and has been required to be retired during a property sale in some instances.

Note that in some instances Clark County Public Health may have previously issued conditional permits for repairs of existing Onsite Septic Systems on properties involved with a CGI. These are known as Table 9 repair permits and under the conditions of these permits, those property would be required by Clark County Public Health to connect when public sanitary sewer is made available.

ARE THERE OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CGI PROJECT COSTS?

Yes, the CGI process covers the construction costs of the Main Line and Public Lateral only. Other expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Installation of the Private Lateral (the pipe that connects the building to the public lateral located at the property line)
- Decommissioning of the existing on-site septic tank
- Connection Charges, Fees and Permits

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT CHARGES?

Current fees and charges are listed in the Clark Regional Wastewater District Residential Financing Options Sewer Fees & Charges pamphlet.

DOES THE DISTRICT HAVE OTHER PROGRAMS OR PROCESSES TO GET SANITARY SEWER?

Yes, the District has other programs to assist with the extension of sanitary sewer.

- Developer Extension Agreement (DEA)
- District Installed Infrastructure (DII)
- Septic Elimination Program (SEP)
- Side Sewer Assistance Program
- Utility Local Improvement District (ULID)

Pamphlets explaining these programs are also available.



If you have any questions about this program, please contact:

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