

July 17, 2008

Rochester, MN 55902

Dear,

On July 10, 2008 several Rochester City Council Members and City staff conducted an Informational Meeting for the Lenwood Heights / Brook Lane neighborhood to discuss the possible extension of city sanitary sewer and watermain to serve the neighborhood (a copy of the power point presentation is enclosed). The City still has sufficient Sales Tax funds available to provide a financial subsidy up to \$15,000 for each property owner's cost for construction of the project.

It was agreed at the meeting that the City would accept a Feasibility Study Petition from the Lenwood Heights / Brook Lane property owners requesting that a Feasibility Study be prepared by the City to determine the estimated cost of constructing a city sanitary sewer and watermain extension project to serve the Lenwood Heights / Brook Lane neighborhood. If a Feasibility Study Petition is received by the City and signed by 50% or more of the effected property owners, the City will conduct a Feasibility Study. The Feasibility Study Petition **will not be considered** a final commitment or endorsement by the petitioners or the neighborhood for the City to construct the sanitary sewer and watermain project.

The City will complete as part of the Feasibility Study the following tasks:

1. Determine the basement floor elevation of each house.
2. Determine the location of each property's water service and septic system.
3. Determine the location of private utilities.
4. Determine the rock elevation in the public right of way.
5. Meet with the Lenwood Water Board to discuss the private water system.
6. Prepare a probable cost estimate for the project based on the information gathered.
7. Conduct a neighborhood meeting to discuss the findings of the Feasibility Study.

Based on the findings of the Feasibility Study the Lenwood Heights/ Brook Lane neighborhood may choose to file a second petition requesting the City to consider the construction of a city sanitary sewer and watermain project to serve the neighborhood. If such a petition is received a Public Hearing will be conducted by the City Council to hear testimony before making a final determination to proceed with a project.

Please contact me at 507-328-2419 or e-mail me at jloehr@rochestermn.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James M. Loehr
Water Quality Protection Program
Project Manager

PETITION FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY

CITY OF ROCHESTER

Do you want to petition the City to conduct a Feasibility Study for a city sanitary sewer and watermain extension project to serve the Lenwood Heights / Brook Lane neighborhood?

Please check one box.

Yes

No

Signature

Name:

Address:

Rochester, MN 55902

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

If 50% or more of the affected property owners request a Feasibility Study then the City will reserve Water Quality Protection Program funds until such time the Feasibility Study is completed and it is determined whether or not the neighborhood will petition the City to construct a city sanitary sewer and watermain extension project to serve the neighborhood.

Please return this questionnaire to the City prior to September 1, 2008 to the following:

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