# GERRISH LYON UTILITY AUTHORITY (GLUA)

# PROPOSED WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM

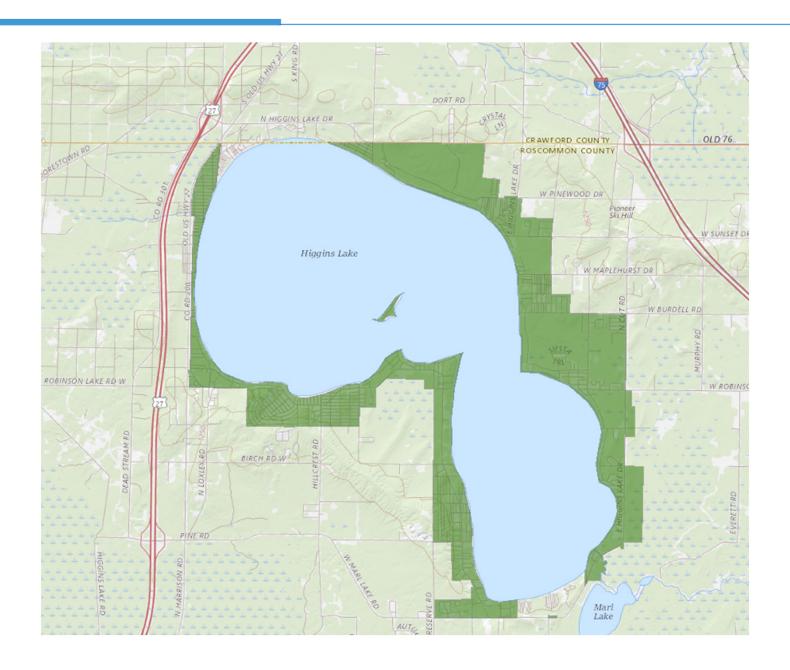
#### STUDY AREA

- How was the Study Area identified:
  - Potential areas influencing water quality
  - Health and safety
- Areas that will benefit from community sewer due to:
  - Isolation distances, lot size/density
  - Poor soils (clay, excessively drained)
  - Depth to groundwater
  - Lot density



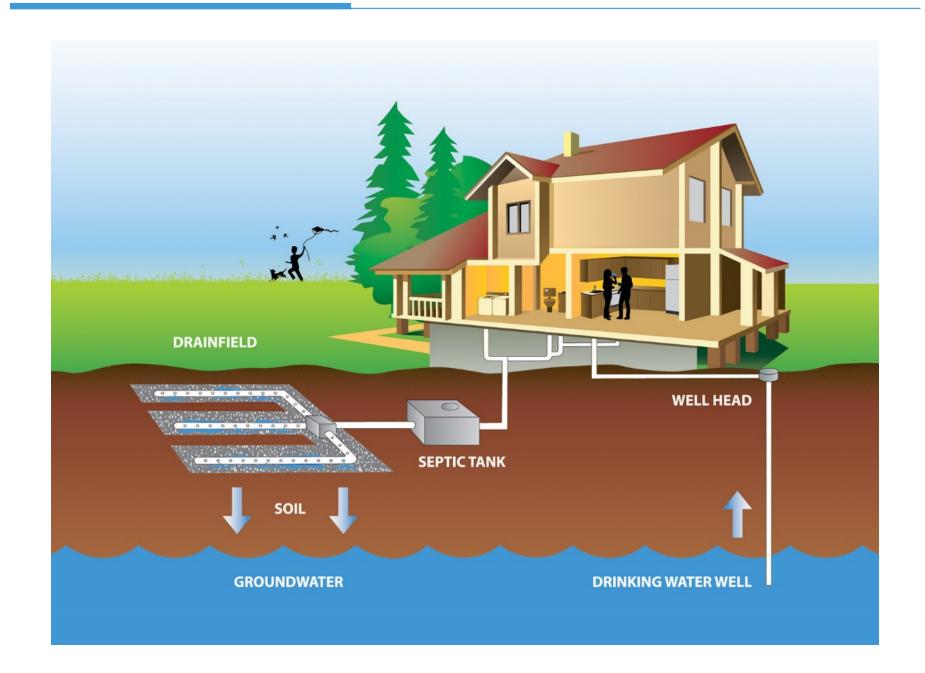


# **STUDY AREA**





## **EXISTING SEPTIC SYSTEM**





# PROPOSED COLLECTION SYSTEM

#### **ALTERNATIVES EXPLORED**

- Approached alternatives analysis without preconceived ideas – looked at all possibilities
- USDA Engineer reviewing the feasibility study requires alternatives that are modest in cost and scope
- Collection System
  - Gravity Sewer with Low Pressure component
  - Complete Low-Pressure System
    - Grinder System
    - Septic Tank Effluent Pumping Chamber (STEP)



#### **GRAVITY VS. LOW PRESSURE**

#### **Gravity Sewer**

- Minimal maintenance
- Higher risk of inflow & infiltration
- Dewatering costs are high and can be unpredictable
- Open trenching is disruptive
   & requires more restoration
- Terrain around Higgins Lake Requires a significant number of large pump stations
- Higher risk of odor
- Higher capital cost

#### Low pressure Sewer

- Each property has its own onsite pump system
- Directional drilling minimizes disruption to property
- Less susceptible to inflow & infiltration
- Pumping can allow more consistent flushing of sewers



#### STEP VS. GRINDER SYSTEMS

# Septic Tank Effluent Pumping System (STEP)

- Solids pumped by the Sewer Authority, discharged at the WWTF
- High head/low flow pumps reduce the number of booster stations
- Less impact by seasonal use
- High efficiency, low horsepower pumps
- Longer life pumps
- Lower operations and maintenance cost
- Greater storage volume during power outages

#### **Grinder Systems**

- Pumps convey both solids and liquid
- Larger less efficient pumps
- Higher electrical load requirements
- Shorter pump life
- More susceptible to seasonal usage and corrosive gas
- Higher annual operations and maintenance cost
- Grease and solids buildup with seasonal usage in sewers and pump chambers

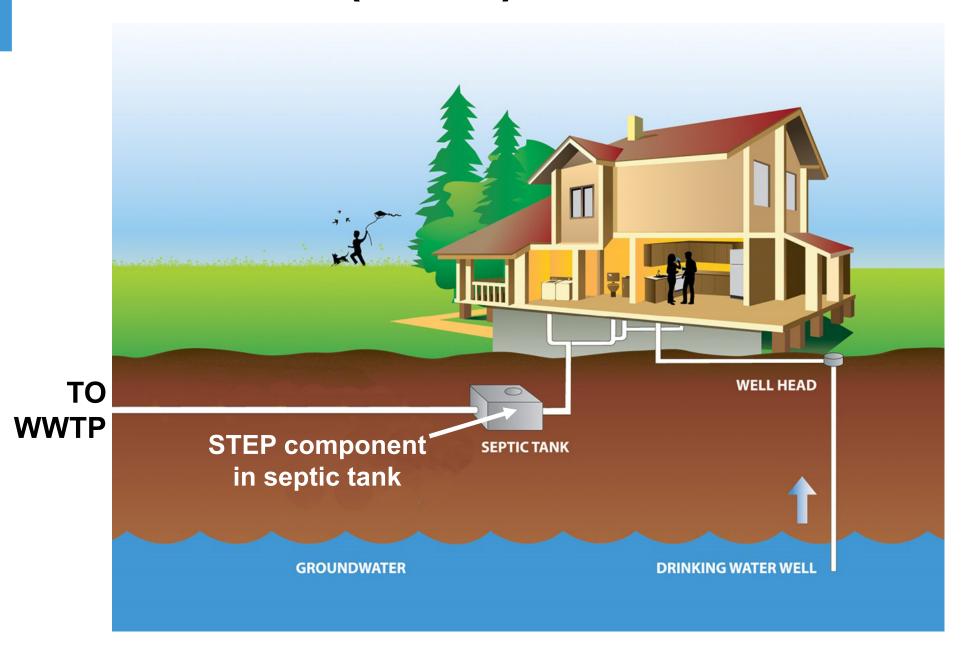


#### PROPOSED SEWER SYSTEM - STEP

- Responsibility & Maintenance:
  - Property Owner:
    - Pipe from house to tank,
    - Electric cost for pumping
  - Utility:
    - Tank, pump, pump controls and all downstream piping
    - Utility will periodically pump tanks, operate, maintain & replace system
- Life of System:
  - 75 -100 years for most infrastructure
  - 15+ years on pumps and misc. components (built into the annual operation of system)



# SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT PUMPING (STEP) SYSTEM





### LOW PRESSURE SEWER SYSTEM





#### LOW PRESSURE CONSTRUCTION

#### Maximize this



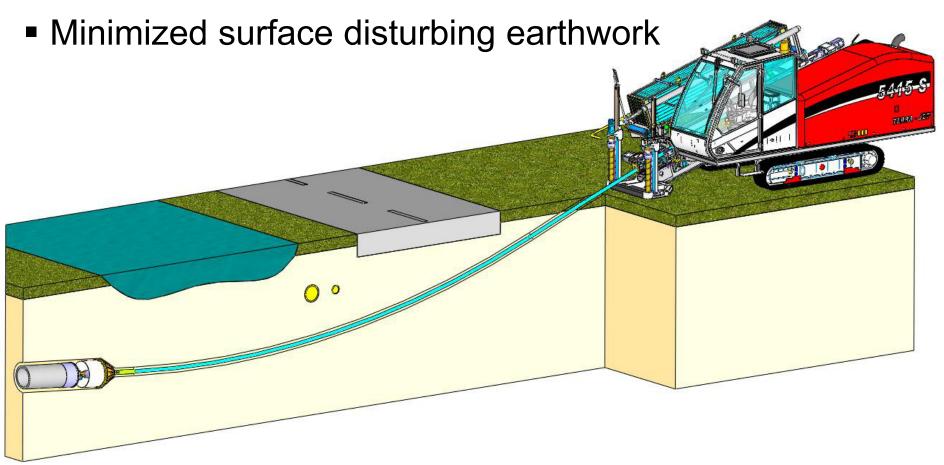
#### Minimize this





### CONSTRUCTION

- Utilize Trenchless Technology
- Directional Drilling





# **SYSTEM VISIBILITY**





# **ONSITE STEP SYSTEM**





# SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT PUMPING (STEP) SYSTEM

**STEP System Equipment** 





# PROPOSED TREATMENT SYSTEM

#### **ALTERNATIVES EXPLORED**

- Treatment Options
  - Regional Treatment
  - Lagoon WWTF
    - Large earthen lagoons and rapid infiltration basins
  - Mechanical WWTF
    - Concrete treatment and settling tanks with rapid infiltration basins



## **EXISTING SEPTIC SYSTEM**

#### **Water Quality Conditions**

	Raw Wastewater	Drainfield Discharge	Municipal WWTP Treated Water
Nitrogen	60 ppm	60 ppm	<5 ppm
Phosphorus	10 ppm	8.1 ppm	<1 ppm



# PROPOSED TREATMENT SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- Designed to treat summer time flow rates
- Certified Operator in charge of treatment
- Effluent quality monitored for compliance by EGLE
- High quality effluent discharged to groundwater far away from the Lake
  - Nitrogen <5 ppm</li>
  - Phosphorus <1 ppm</p>



# PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE: MECHANICAL TREATMENT FACILITY

- Collection system delivers flow to concrete treatment and settling tanks
- Small treatment facility footprint
- Operational flexibility for seasonal flows
- Tanks can be covered to minimize odors



Mechanical Treatment Overview



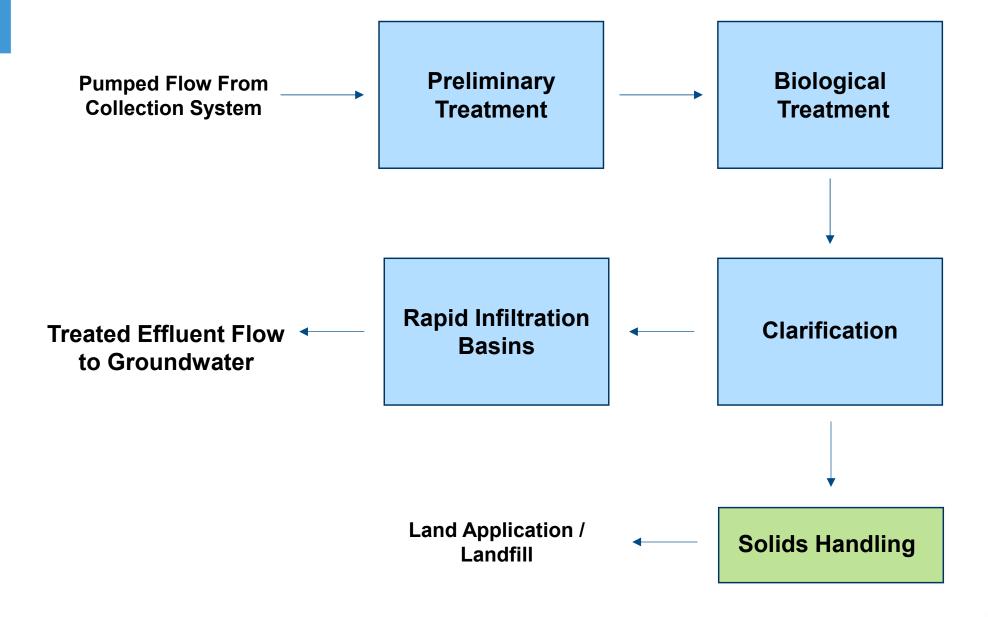
**Oxidation Ditch** 



Rapid Infiltration Basin

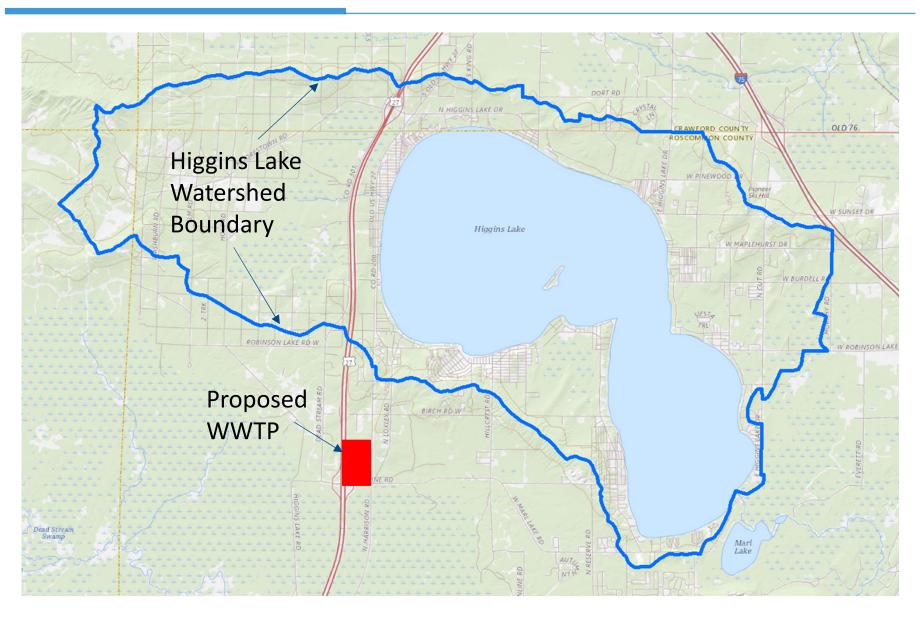


#### PROPOSED TREATMENT SYSTEM





## PROPOSED WWTP LOCATION





# PROJECT SCHEDULE

#### ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

#### 2021-2024:

- Public Participation
- Explore and Secure Funding Sources
- Special Assessment District Proceedings.
- Preliminary WWTP Site Evaluation

#### 2025-2026:

- Complete Special Assessment District
- Engineering Design

#### 2026-2028:

Project Construction

#### 2028-2030:

Connect Customers to System

