## Water Infrastructure Millage

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#### Overview

- Project Details
- Project Cost and Funding
- Discussion/Questions

## **Project Details**



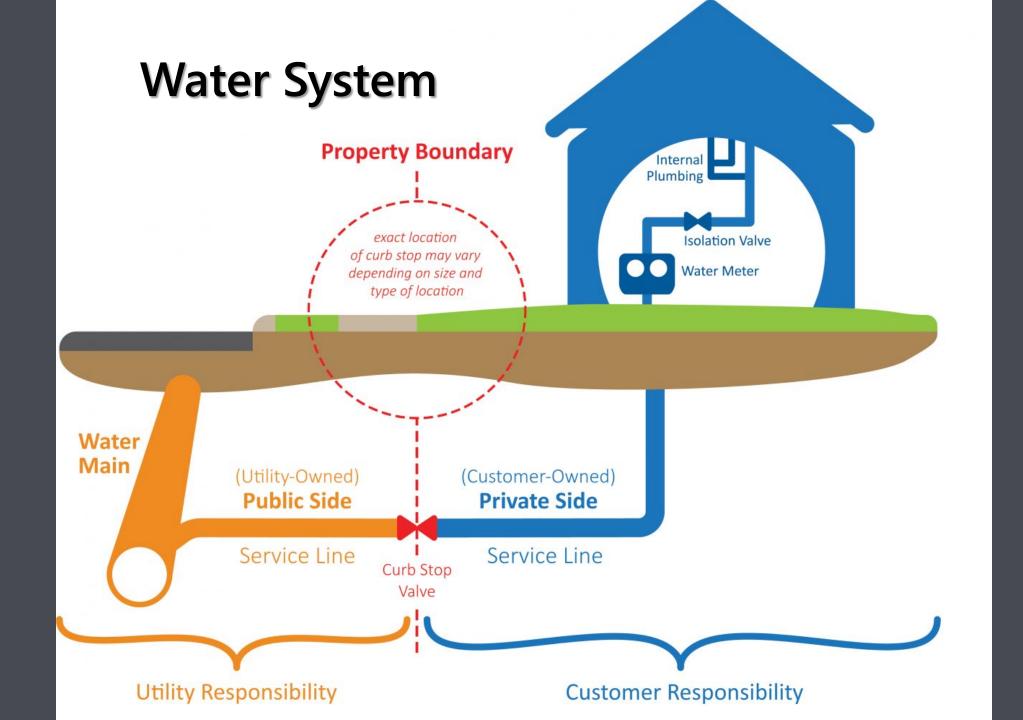
#### Online Resources

### www.cityofpleasantridge.org/water

- Millage fact sheets
- Water System Reliability Study (2016)
- Water System Asset Management Plan (2021)
- Lead water quality testing results
- Detailed engineer's project cost estimates
- Preliminary lead service line inventory by address
- This presentation

### Why Are We Doing This?

- State of Michigan mandate to replace all lead service lines
  - Adopted 2018
  - Replacements required to start this year (2021)
  - Administrative Code R 325.10604f
- 100-year-old water mains
  - End of life cycle
  - Flow rate decline

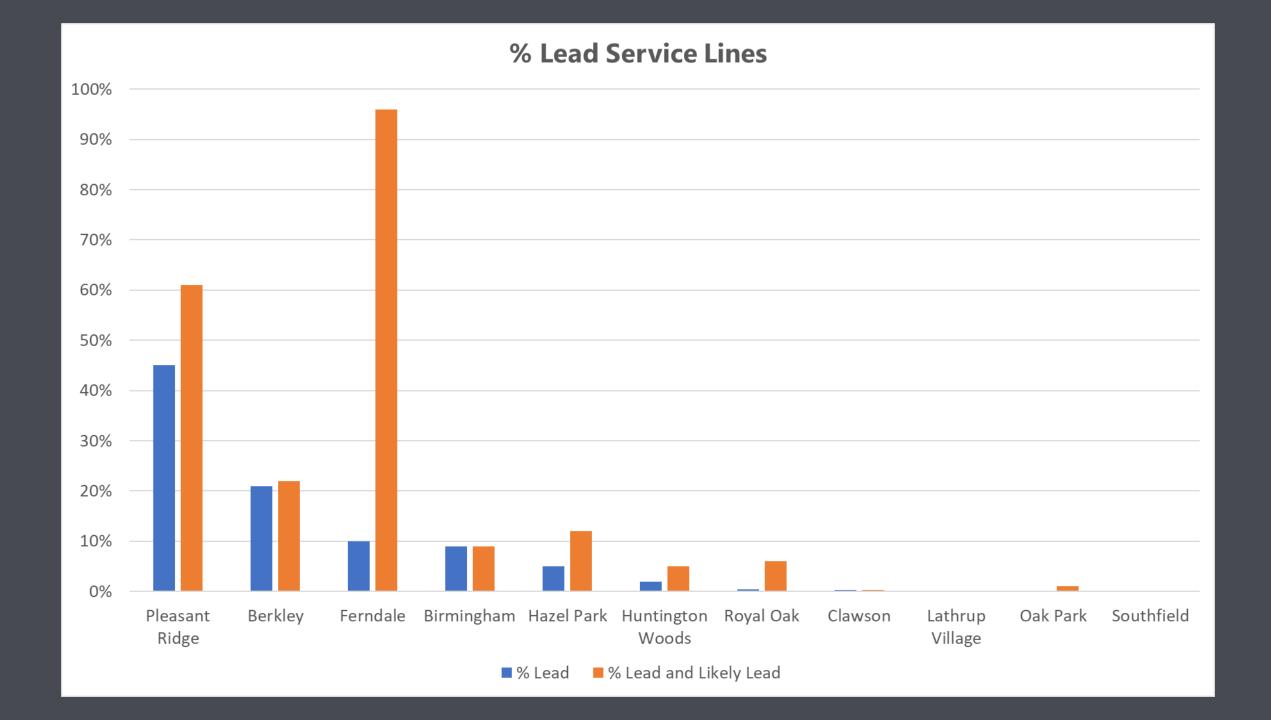


### LSL Replacement Cost

- Replace private service line: \$2,600
- Replace public service line: \$7,000 \$10,000
  - Public replacement includes new service line, stop box, water main tap, street & sidewalk restoration, etc.
  - Cost depends on where the water main is (long or short side)

#### Lead Service Lines

- Preliminary Inventory:
  - 699 known or suspected lead service lines
  - 451 known or suspected copper service lines
- 60.7% of all service lines are suspected lead
- Cost to replace a service line: \$10,000 \$12,000
- Total cost: \$8.4 million





#### Water Mains

- PR water mains are nearly 100 years old (1924)
- Most PR mains are 6 inch diameter
  - current minimum design standard is 8 inch
- Cast iron mains corrode & become brittle over time
  - Effective diameter decreases
  - Pressure and reliability drops over time





Cast iron water mains with interior corrosion – ours will look like these







Picture 1 – 50+ Year-old 6 inch Cast Iron Water Mains

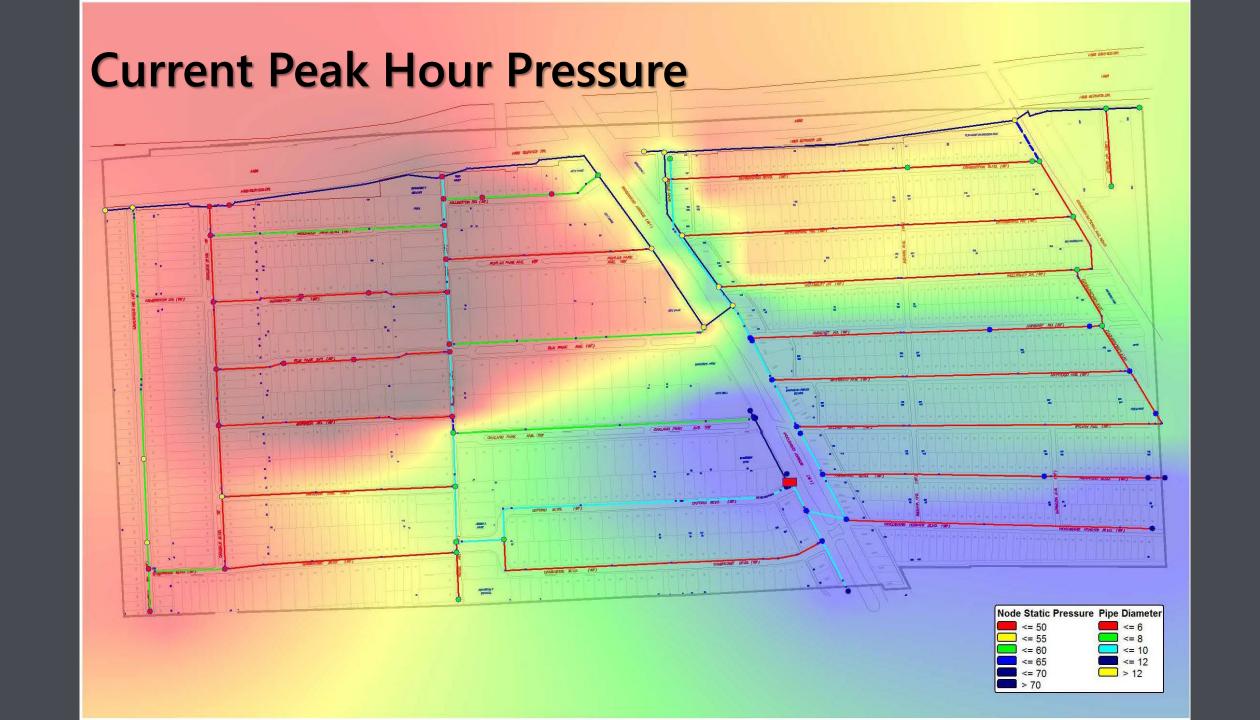
Cast iron water mains recently replaced in Fraser and Clawson

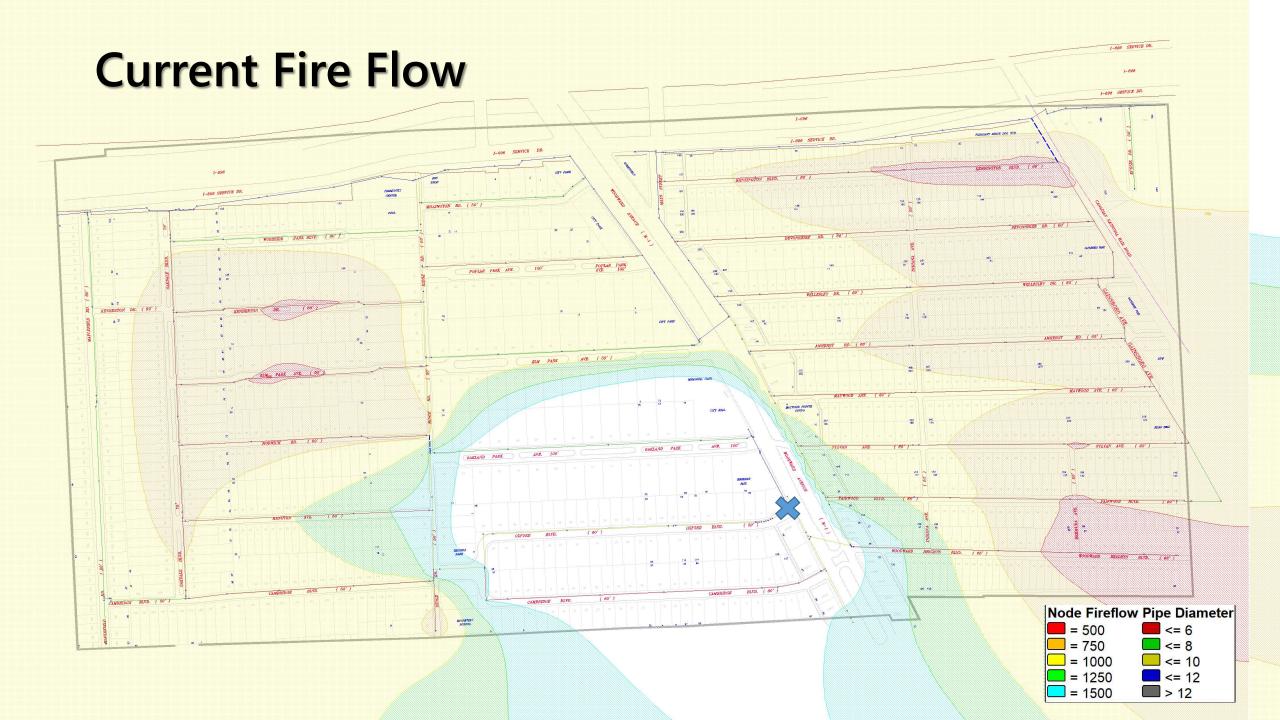
#### Water Main Issues

- Brown water due to corrosion & iron buildup
- Risk of failure when tapping old mains 60+ times for LSL replacement
- Increasing risk of failure over time
- Flow rate drop
  - Fire flow (currently inadequate)
  - Peak hour flow (currently low)
  - Normal demand flow (currently acceptable)

#### Water Mains

- Do we have to replace them now?
  - Concrete streets can last 50 years or more
  - Some mains could be 150 years old when street is next redone
  - Continued corrosion and flow decline
- Must dig into the street for every lead service line
  - Already a good portion of the way towards replacing the entire main at that point





#### **Current Water System**



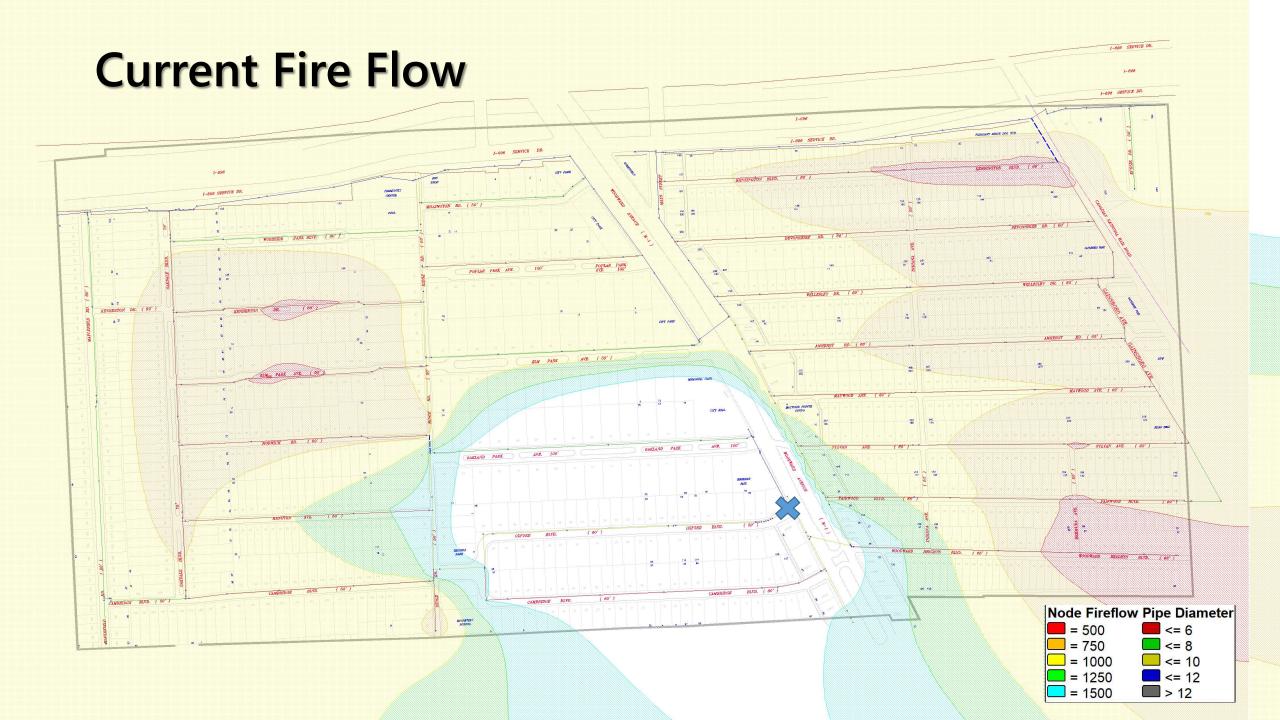
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#### **Water System Improvements**



Diameter







### 30-Year Water System Update

- Replace 20 of 23 existing water mains by 2051
- Add two new water mains to improve system pressure & reliability
- Lead Service Lines Replaced:
  - 77% by 2041 (year 20)
  - 90% by 2046 (year 25)
  - 100% by 2051 (year 30)

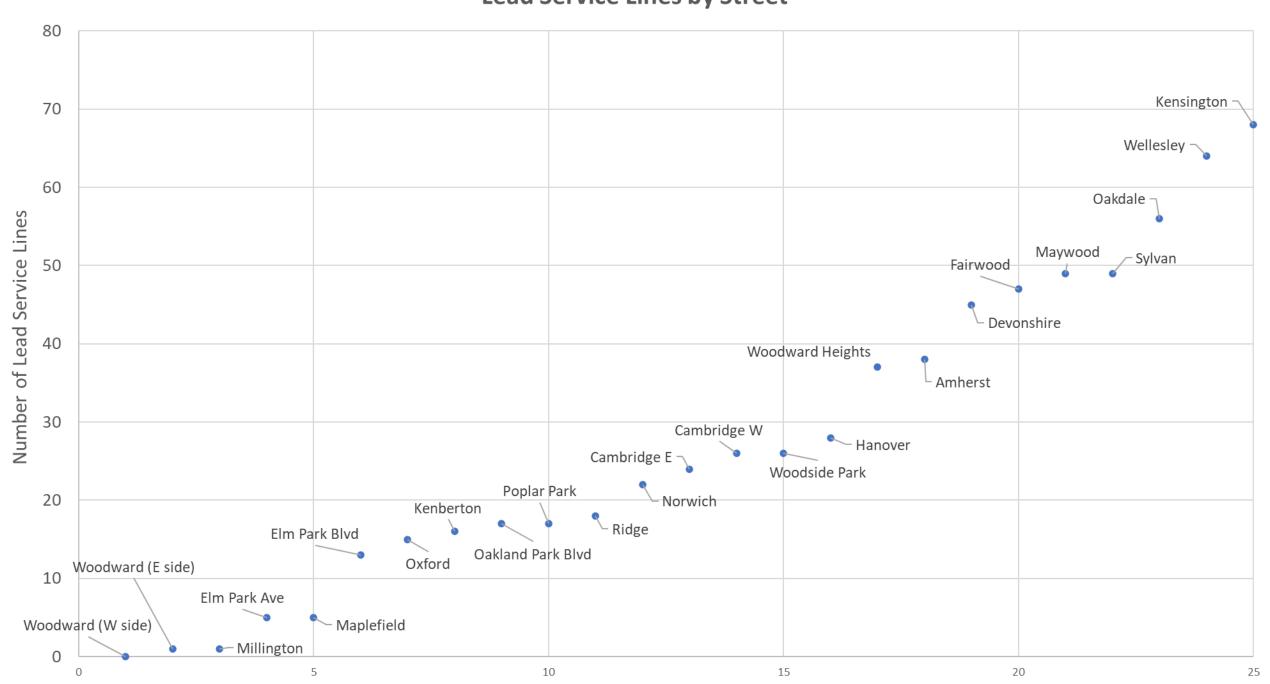
## Project Benefits

- Lead service lines replaced at public cost
  - 60% of customers
- Increased system pressure and reliability
  - All customers benefit
- Replace end of life-cycle water mains
  - Unavoidable maintenance & replacement

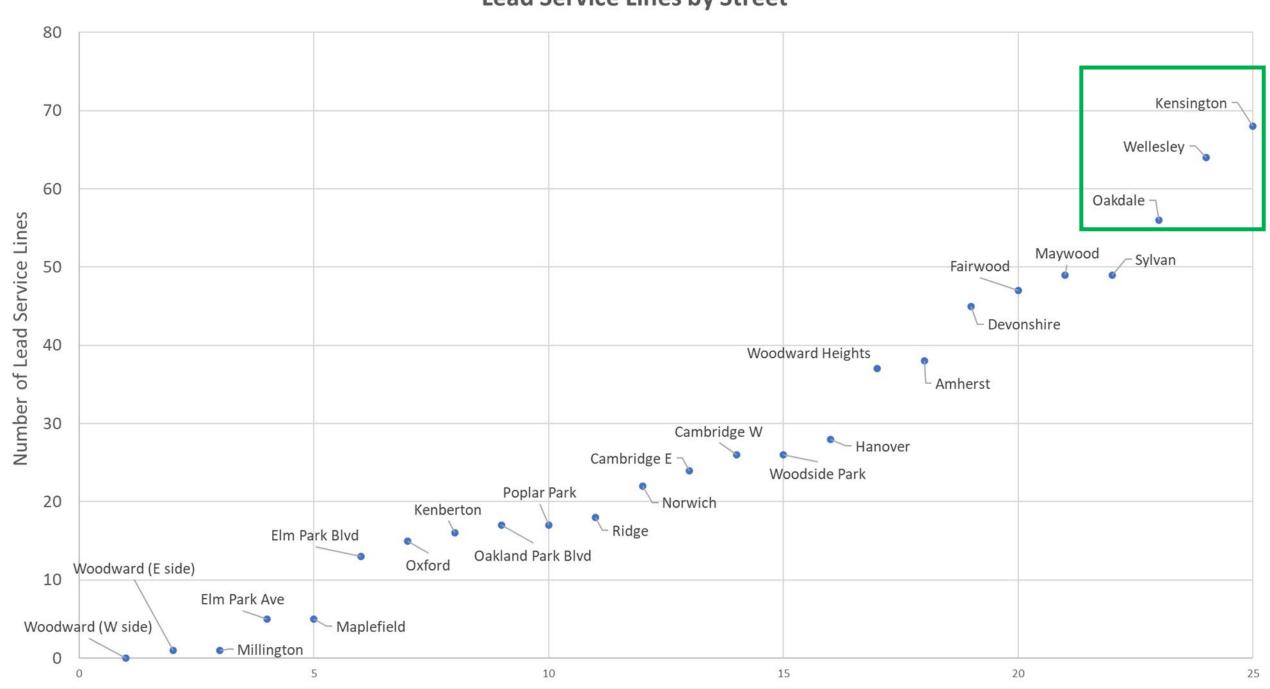
## Project Prioritization

- Number of lead service lines
- System pressure benefit
- Age/condition of street

#### **Lead Service Lines by Street**



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## Project Plan

- FY22: Elm Park Blvd, Maplefield, Millington LSL ONLY (\$75,000)
- FY23: Kensington (\$1.6 million)
- FY24: No Project
- FY25: Oakdale (\$1.6 million)
- FY26: No Project
- FY27: Wellesley (\$1.6 million)
- FY28: No project
- FY29: New Indiana & Woodward (Oakland to Elm) water mains (\$1.4 million)

## Project Plan

- Order after FY29 will be determined based on prioritization factors
- Cannot commit to a set order for all 30 years
  - Infrastructure issues may arise, street conditions may change
  - Asset management plan includes 30-year plan, but is subject to change over time

## Project Cost & Funding



#### Federal Infrastructure Bill?

- Uncertain if/when it will pass
- Uncertain what it will fund (ask Manchin)
- Uncertain when and how funding will be available to local communities for LSL replacement
- Required to replace LSLs by the State this year
- Adjust rates down or shorten duration of project if Federal funding comes through

## **Project Costs**

# Total Project Cost: \$25 million \$850,000 annual cost

- LSL replacement: \$8.4 million (33%)
  - \$1.8 million for private service lines (7%)
  - \$6.6 million for public service lines (26%)
- Water main replacement: \$16.5 million (67%)

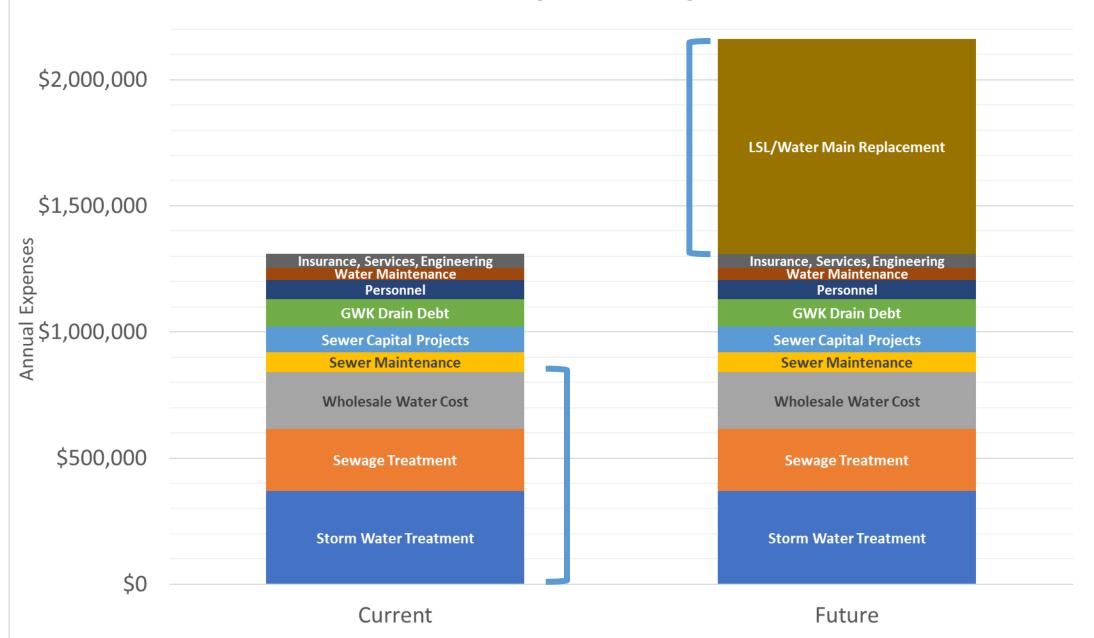
### Annual Water Fund Impact

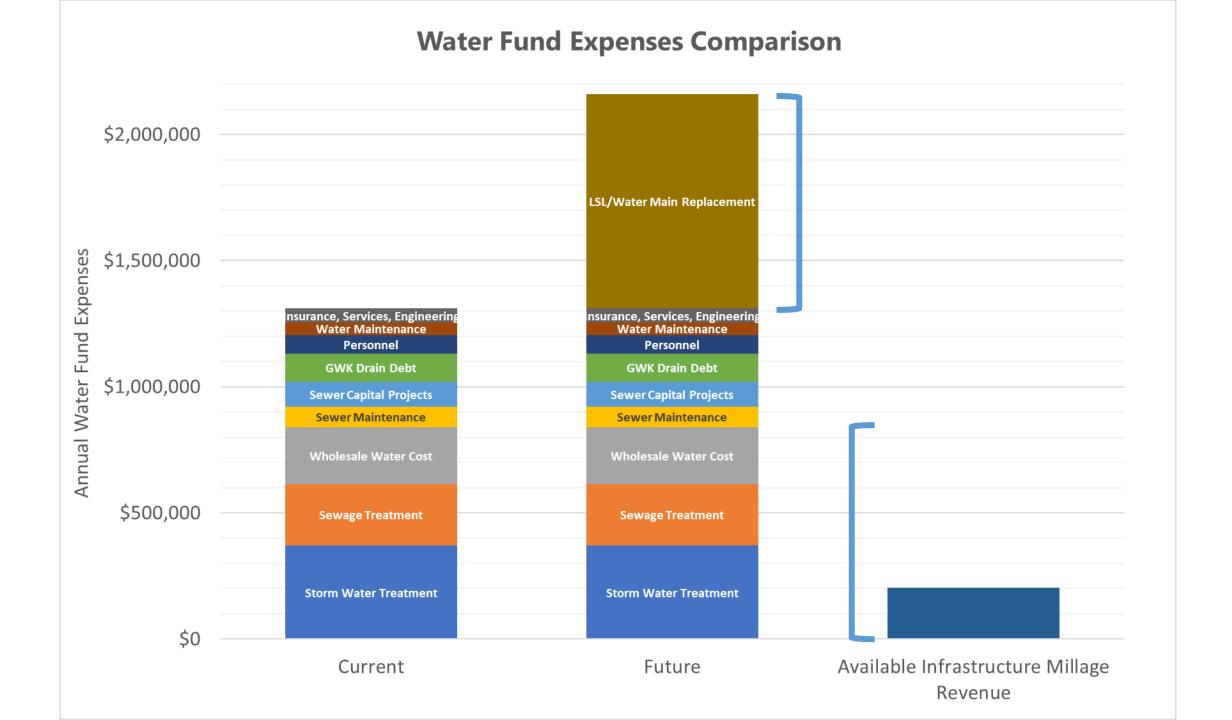
- Baseline Water Fund Expenses: \$1,250,000
- NEW LSL/Main Infrastructure Costs: \$850,000

#### **Water Fund Expenses Comparison**



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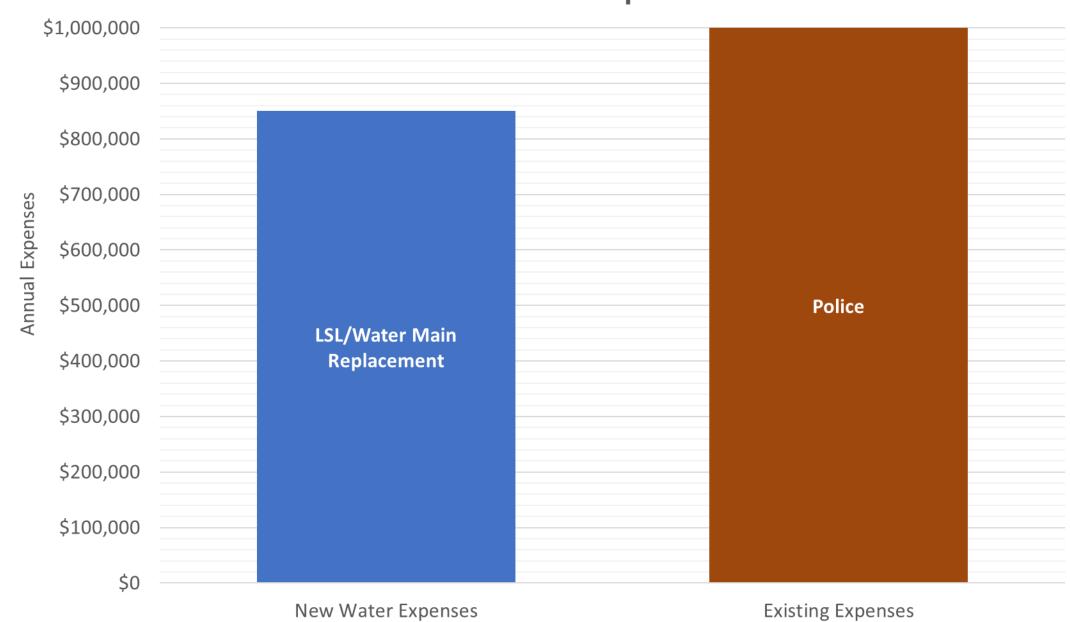




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## Rate Impact

	2020 Rate	2021 Rate	Potential 2022 Rate
Water & Sewer Rate	\$77.25	\$106.15	\$78.75
Ready-to-Serve	\$42.50	\$82.50	\$42.50
ERU (stormwater)	\$48.45	\$50.35	\$51.85
New 3.5 Mill Property Tax	\$0	\$0	\$525 (avg. annual)
Avg. Annual Cost	\$1,071	\$1,535	\$1,570

### Funding Breakdown

- \$850,000 annual capital improvements
- If millage passes:
  - \$625,000 revenue from millage (75%)
  - \$225,000 revenue from flat RTS charge (25%)
  - Hybrid funding model

## Peer Community Comparison

Total Annual Utility Bill + Average Local Tax Bill

Huntington Woods	\$5,043
Birmingham	\$4,330
Pleasant Ridge	\$4.309

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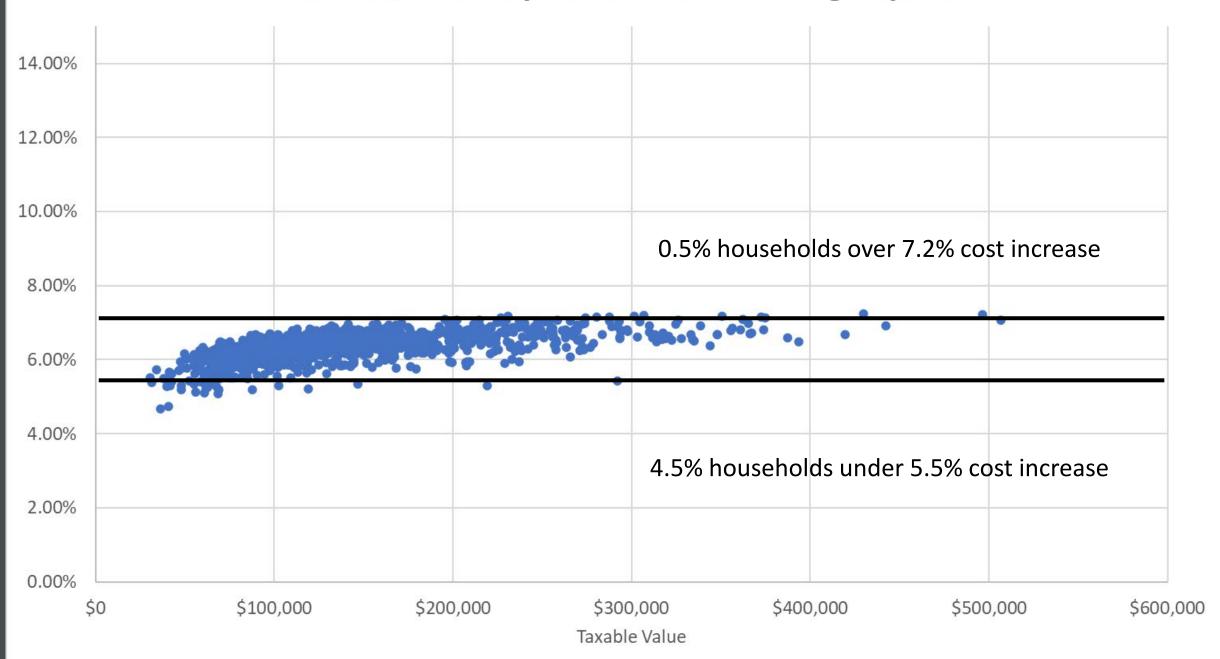
Local Total Millage Rate:

Huntington Woods	25.83
Ferndale	.25.47
Pleasant Ridge (with new 3.5 mills)	24.95

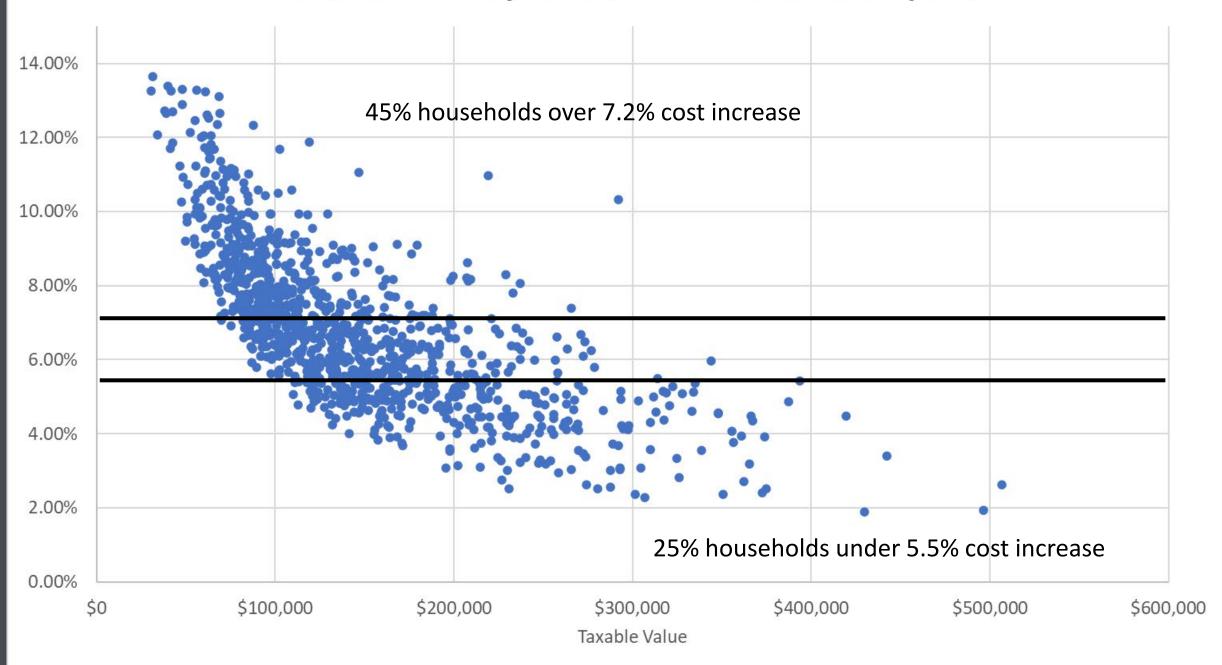
## Funding Option Comparison

	2021 Water Rate	Millage	Flat Fee RTS
Ready to Serve Flat Fee (per bill)	\$82.50	\$42.50	\$127.75
Combined Usage Rate	\$106.15	\$78.75	\$78.75
Millage	0	3.5	0
Average Annual Cost Increase	\$525	\$525	\$525

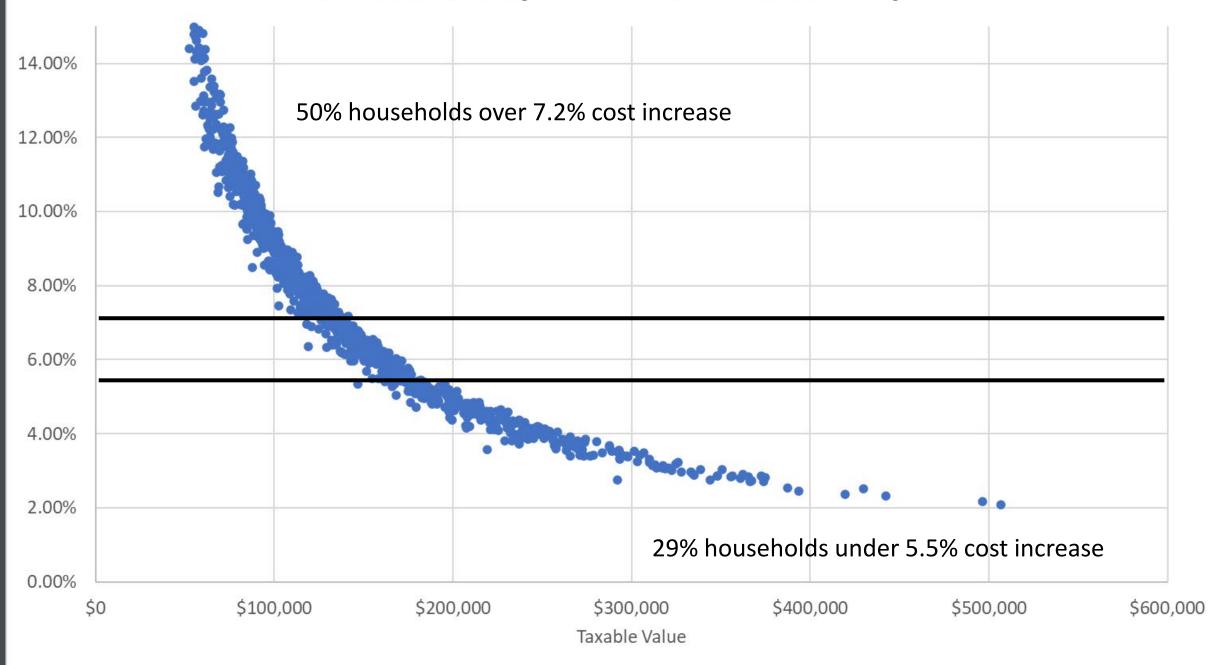
#### Percent Increase by Taxable Value - Millage Option



#### Percent Increase by Taxable Value - 2021 Rate Option



#### Percent Increase by Taxable Value - Flat Fee Option



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