

MILFORD FARMS SEWER EXTENSION

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Will my property receive public sewer access?

Please refer to the **Projects** page Milford Farms map delineating the area to be served. Those properties shown within the highlighted service area are scheduled to receive public sewer access.

2. What is the cost for public sewer access?

The cost to residents connecting to the public sewer will include:

1. Connection/Facilities Fee: \$7,875
2. Demo On-Lot Tank (EST): \$400
3. House Service Line (Highly Variable):
 - a. Gravity line can be \$50 to \$75/foot
 - b. Directional Drill Forcemain can be \$75 to \$100/foot
 - c. Pump System (if necessary): \$1,500 to \$2,000

3. Will all homes be required to connect?

Yes. All homes and businesses within 150 feet of the public sewer will be required to connect.

4. Where will the sanitary sewers and pump station be located?

Please refer to the **Projects** page Milford Farms Extension map delineating the area to be served. For the most part gravity flow is utilized with the sewer piping installed in public roads. Where gravity flow sewer cannot be considered an individual house grinder pump will be needed.

5. Who is paying for the sewer system expansion?

The Township through a municipal bond will be funding the construction of the sewer system. The bond will be funded through the user fees charged by the Municipal Authority. In addition, funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA) grant will be applied.

Individual homeowners will be responsible for the cost of installing the service line from their house to the street right-of-way, connecting the service line to the public sewer system lateral, and for cleaning/demolition of the existing septic system.

6. When will I need to connect?

Sanitary sewer construction is expected to begin sometime mid-Summer 2025. We estimate the homes can start to connect during late-Summer 2025.

7. When will I need to pay my facilities fee?

The facilities fee must be paid at the time of securing the permit for connecting the house or business to the public sanitary sewer system. In lieu of payment, a payment program can be established per the Authority direction at that time.

8. Will the Township or Municipal Authority provide any method of financing the cost of the sewer connection?

The Township or Municipal Authority will not be offering any direct financing assistance to homeowners; however, local bank contact information is posted on the Municipal Authority page of the Township website, as well as information regarding PENNVEST, a low-interest loan program available to homeowners connecting to a public sewer system.

9. Will I have input as to where the lateral and service line will be installed on my property?

Yes. Representatives of the Township and Municipal Authority will place a stake in the yard of each property to be connected showing the design location of the house service lateral. This is necessary because the Township will be installing the public laterals between the sewer main and the street right-of-way for each home. We want to locate the public lateral so that it helps to minimize the distance and property impact of the service line the homeowners will need to have installed. A sketch illustrating the make-up of the lateral and service line is posted on the Municipal Authority page of the Township website within the link entitled **Service Line Construction Specifications**.

10. Who will install the portion of the sewer the homeowner is responsible to construct?

The homeowner will need to hire a certified plumbing contractor to install the service line from the house to the street right-of-way and connect to the public sewer lateral. The service line construction must comply with the Municipal Authority standards and the construction will be inspected by a Municipal Authority representative. To find a local plumbing contractor, visit the Pennsylvania Attorney General's home improvement consumer information website (hicsearch.attorneygeneral.gov) where the homeowner can find a certified plumbing contractor. Insert the word Plumbing in the Business Name field and fill in your zip code.

11. What happens to my septic system?

The septic system will be abandoned in accordance with Chester County Health Department standards. The requirements for abandoning the septic system are available on the Municipal Authority page of the Township website within the link entitled **Service Line Construction Specifications**. The certified plumbing contractor hired by the homeowner to install the service line will be required to abandon the septic system in accordance with the specifications.

12. Will someone be available to answer questions for me as the project progresses?

Yes. The Township website will be updated as the project progresses and may provide an answer to general project questions. Questions or comments can be directed to Matthew Brown, P.E., the Municipal Authority Administrator, by phone at 610-646-7015 or by email at Authority@upperuwchlan-pa.gov .