

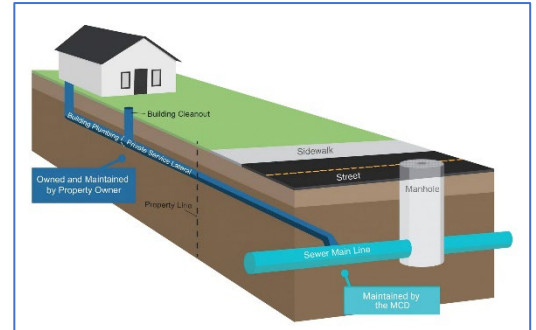


Merrillville Conservancy District (MCD)

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Sewer Lateral Replacement/Rehabilitation Program (SLRRP)

The Merrillville Conservancy District (MCD) is taking measures to reduce the amount of excessive flow in the sanitary sewer system. The District has been addressing sanitary sewer backup problems through an aggressive sanitary sewer maintenance and rehabilitation program. However, despite the District's efforts, a majority of the inflow and infiltration is coming from the deteriorating privately owned home or business sewer laterals. This program is being implemented as a part of the District's ongoing efforts to reduce infiltration and inflow of storm water into the sanitary sewer system. During periods of heavy rainfall, infiltration and inflow of storm water overloads the sanitary sewer system and contributes to sanitary sewer problems that require additional funds to convey the sewage and maintain the system.



MCD understands the cost burden put on the property owner to repair their leaking or collapsed lateral sewer lines. Therefore, MCD is willing to help the property owner financially by **reimbursing the freeholder (customer of MCD) up to 50% of the cost or a maximum of \$5,000, whichever is less**, for rehabilitating their sewer lateral. The homeowner will be responsible for any cost over MCD's maximum contribution of \$5,000. This only applies to the replacement or lining of the privately owned sewer lateral of customers that are in good standing with MCD.

Program Details

- A reimbursement will be offered to freeholders that are in good standing and have no past due bills or liens.
- Items included for the reimbursement are for the repairing, replacing or relining the privately owned sanitary sewer lateral.
- All work must be completed by a licensed plumbing contractor.
- Reimbursements are offered to residential properties that have the current Town of Merrillville residential zoning of R1 and R2 zoning.
- Reimbursements are available on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS** until funds are exhausted.
- If the funds are exhausted, the homeowner is welcome to apply the following fiscal year, if MCD is still offering the incentive.
- The homeowner is responsible for any future maintenance and or replacement costs.
- Freeholders are eligible for one award per freeholder name and freeholder address.
- All applications must be submitted by the property owners.
- If the freeholder elects to take the no interest loan for their financial portion of the project the interest rate will be 0%.
- In order to qualify for this grant program, homeowner must certify that they have verified with their insurance company that they do not have Underground Service Line Endorsement coverage.
- If the homeowner verifies through the insurance company it has Underground Service Line Endorsement coverage then it is recommended that said homeowner file a claim for said coverage with their insurance company and then the grant amount will be adjusted accordingly in a manner determined by the District to reflect the difference between the insurance coverage, insurance deductible, and remaining amount due and owing.

- **Example of How the Loan Program Works**
 - If a freeholder chooses to take advantage of the no-interest loan to cover their portion of the lateral improvement project, here's what to expect:
- **Payback Term**
 - Freeholder can choose how long to pay back the loan with a maximum term of 4 years.
- **Payment Examples**
 - Assumed your project cost \$12,000 total
 - MCD Grant Contribution (50% of the cost, up to \$5,000 maximum contribution): \$5,000
 - Freeholder's Portion : \$7,000
- **Two Repayment Options for the Freeholder:**
 - **Option One (Freeholder pays their portion up front)**
 - The freeholder pays \$7,000 to their contractor
 - Freeholder provides proof of payment to MCD
 - MCD's pays the Freeholder their portion of \$5,000
 - The project is closed out.
 - **Option Two (Freeholder takes advantage of no interest loan from MCD)**
 - The freeholder takes advantage 4 yr no-interest loan for the Freeholder's portion (\$7,000) from MCD
 - The Freeholder enters into an agreement with MCD for a no interest loan for \$7,000
 - MCD pays the Freeholder \$12,000 so the Freeholder could pay their contractor
- **Loan Calculation Example**
 - The interest rate is set at: 0%
 - The freeholder's loan principal: \$7,000
 - Assume the Freeholder opts for a four year payback period
 - Repayment Term is 4 Years
 - Monthly Billing
 - Extra loan payment per month will be ~\$145.83/month 48 monthly bills
- **PROPERTY LIENS**
 - Upon entering into this Freeholder Grant Program, a valid lien will be immediately recorded against the Freeholder's real estate in the amount of the loan made to Freeholder by MCD and will be removed and released upon full repayment of said lien.

TIME LINE – Sewer Lateral Replacement/Rehabilitation Program (SLRRP)

Non-Emergency Repair

- Owner submits completed application including with a quote from a licensed contractor
- District may perform an inspection of the lateral (service line) if needed, in a timely manner
- District determines if the lateral will need to be repaired or replaced
- District issues a Notice of Eligibility or Non-eligibility (within 3 working days)
- If Owner receives a Notice of Eligibility, the Owner must hire a contractor to complete the work
- The Owner will schedule the lateral repair
- Freeholder Payment Options
 - **Option One (Freeholder pays their portion up front)**
 - The freeholder pays their contractor their portion of the contract
 - Freeholder provides proof of payment to MCD
 - MCD's pays the Freeholder their portion of 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$5,000
 - The project is closed out
 - **Option Two (Freeholder takes advantage of no interest loan from MCD)**
 - The Freeholder enters into an agreement with MCD for a no interest loan
 - MCD pays 50% of the contract to the Freeholder for the no interest loan for the freeholder's share and the MCD grant portion
 - Freeholder is responsible for paying the contractor

- MCD inspects the work
- If the work is acceptable MCD will pay the Freeholder the remaining 50% of the contract
- Freeholder provides MCD proof of payment
- Owner must obtain all permits from the governing bodies
- The Owner must notify MCD prior to any work occurring

If Owner fails to comply within any of the allotted time frames detailed above, funding priority ceases and Owner must submit new Application for Participation and such application will be treated as a new application for determination of funding eligibility.

Loan Payment Amounts

Loan Amount	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months	48 Months
\$1,500.00	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$41.67	\$31.25
\$2,000.00	\$166.67	\$83.33	\$55.56	\$41.67
\$2,500.00	\$208.33	\$104.17	\$69.44	\$52.08
\$3,000.00	\$250.00	\$125.00	\$83.33	\$62.50
\$3,500.00	\$291.67	\$145.83	\$97.22	\$72.92
\$4,000.00	\$333.33	\$166.67	\$111.11	\$83.33
\$4,500.00	\$375.00	\$187.50	\$125.00	\$93.75
\$5,000.00	\$416.67	\$208.33	\$138.89	\$104.17
\$5,500.00	\$458.33	\$229.17	\$152.78	\$114.58
\$6,000.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$166.67	\$125.00
\$6,500.00	\$541.67	\$270.83	\$180.56	\$135.42
\$7,000.00	\$583.33	\$291.67	\$194.44	\$145.83
\$7,500.00	\$625.00	\$312.50	\$208.33	\$156.25
\$8,000.00	\$666.67	\$333.33	\$222.22	\$166.67
\$8,500.00	\$708.33	\$354.17	\$236.11	\$177.08
\$9,000.00	\$750.00	\$375.00	\$250.00	\$187.50
\$9,500.00	\$791.67	\$395.83	\$263.89	\$197.92
\$10,000.00	\$833.33	\$416.67	\$277.78	\$208.33



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Freeholder Property Owner Name: _____

Freeholder Mailing Address _____

Freeholder Owner's Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Property Address of the requested Improvement: _____

Expected Monthly bill for the no interest loan: _____

Amount pre-paid: \$ _____ Request for MCD funding: \$ _____

**Sewer Lateral Replacement/Rehabilitation Program (SLRRP)
 50% of the cost or a maximum of \$5,000, whichever is less**

Pursuant to Merrillville Conservancy District (MCD) inflow removal program for qualifying Freeholders building sewers with simple clear water connections, I hereby request and consent for MCD and its authorized agents, contractors, staff, and representatives to come onto my property to inspect the property to identify defective laterals, sewer ejector pumps or illegal sump pump connections. The intent of the program is to provide funding for the modification of the freeholder's sewer and/or building drain to remove inflow and/or redirect clear water to an alternative suitable point of discharge directly or indirectly to a storm sewer or to the environment. **I also hereby agree and consent that upon entering into this Freeholder Grant Program, a valid lien will be immediately recorded against my real estate in the amount of the loan made to me by MCD and will be removed and released upon full repayment of said lien. In order to qualify for this grant program, homeowner must certify that they have verified with their insurance company that they do not have Underground Service Line Endorsement coverage. If the homeowner verifies through the insurance company it has Underground Service Line Endorsement coverage then it is recommended that said homeowner file a claim for said coverage with their insurance company and then the grant amount will be adjusted accordingly in a manner determined by the District to reflect the difference between the insurance coverage, insurance deductible, and remaining amount due and owing.**

I ATTEST UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name of Freeholder: _____

District Approval Date: _____

District Authorized Signature: _____