



January 15, 2015

Dear Interested Washington Township Residents:

Since the informational meeting held last year, we have only received 17 signed petitions for water service located within the areas discussed. A distribution of the petitions among the outlined areas can be seen below in the table and the attached map.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP AREA PROPOSED WATERLINE EXTENSIONS					
SECTION	ROAD	FROM	TO	No. of Petitions Rec'd.	Approx. No. of HOMES
A	CROSS CREEK	RIVER	BRILLHART	2	20
B	ROBINSON	CROSS CREEK	2800' EAST	1	15
C	BRILLHART	CROSS CREEK	SUGAR CK	4	20
D	RANGELINE	BRILLHART	SCOTT	2	16
E	SCOTT	RANGELINE	4100' EAST	0	15
F	RANGELINE	BRILLHART	TULLER	7	48
G	SUGAR CREEK	BACK BAY	KELLOG	0	30
H	KELLOGG	SUGAR CK	OTSEGO PK	0	5
I	KELLOGG	OTSEGO PK	WESTON	1	16
J	OTSEGO PIKE	KELLOGG	LG JUDSON	0	15
K	LONG JUDSON	OTSEGO PK	WESTON	0	11
TOTAL				17	211

If you are interested in having us extend waterlines to your property, we ask that you assist us with obtaining the additional petitions required to continue with these discussions. We would be willing to meet with any individuals who would like to assist with the petition acquisition process. Additionally some of the outlined water lines are dependent upon connecting to one of the other proposed lines so please contact us to review your proposed area prior to proceeding with petition acquisition.

Typically the extension of a new waterline to an area costs about \$15,000 to \$20,000 per residence, depending upon the number of customers connecting and the length of the waterline. Some projects proceed where the cost is greater, but most do not.

A few things to consider when making a decision to petition for water service are listed below.

- Waterline costs can be assessed over 20 years with your property taxes (with interest). Based upon a \$20,000 assessment and a 4% interest rate, the average cost per year is approximately \$1,470 or about \$4.00 per day.
- The monthly water bill cost for a family of 3 will typically run about \$50.00 per month or approximately \$1.67 per day.

- Compare the costs of operating your well pump, softening and treatment system to the cost of a municipal water system connection. Many systems with high sulfur and hardness can damage appliances, wiring, tools, etc, requiring premature failure and replacement. Softening and filters are not required on municipally treated water. In many cases, the costs may exceed the cost of a municipal water supply.
- The water supply for your area will be from the Bowling Green water system, which has state of the art reverse osmosis and granular activated carbon filtration and provides reliable, high quality and safe water.
- Once enough petitions are received to consider proceeding with a project, we will send you a more detailed estimate of the total cost to you with an opportunity to opt out of the project. If households opt out, the cost per household will change and all residents will be notified of the change before the project proceeds.

We will need a significant number of new petitions to consider proceeding with planning for waterline extensions in the area. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at 419-354-9090, Ext. 174 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,






Northwestern Water and Sewer District

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Stalter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Stalter" clearly legible.

Tom Stalter
Manager of Engineering

CC: Washington Township Trustees

Alternate Waterline Extensions for Washington Twp.

-  Petitions
-  Waterline NOT Owned by NWWSD
-  Existing Waterline Owned by NWWSD
-  Grand Rapids Water Service Area
-  Bowling Green Water Service Area



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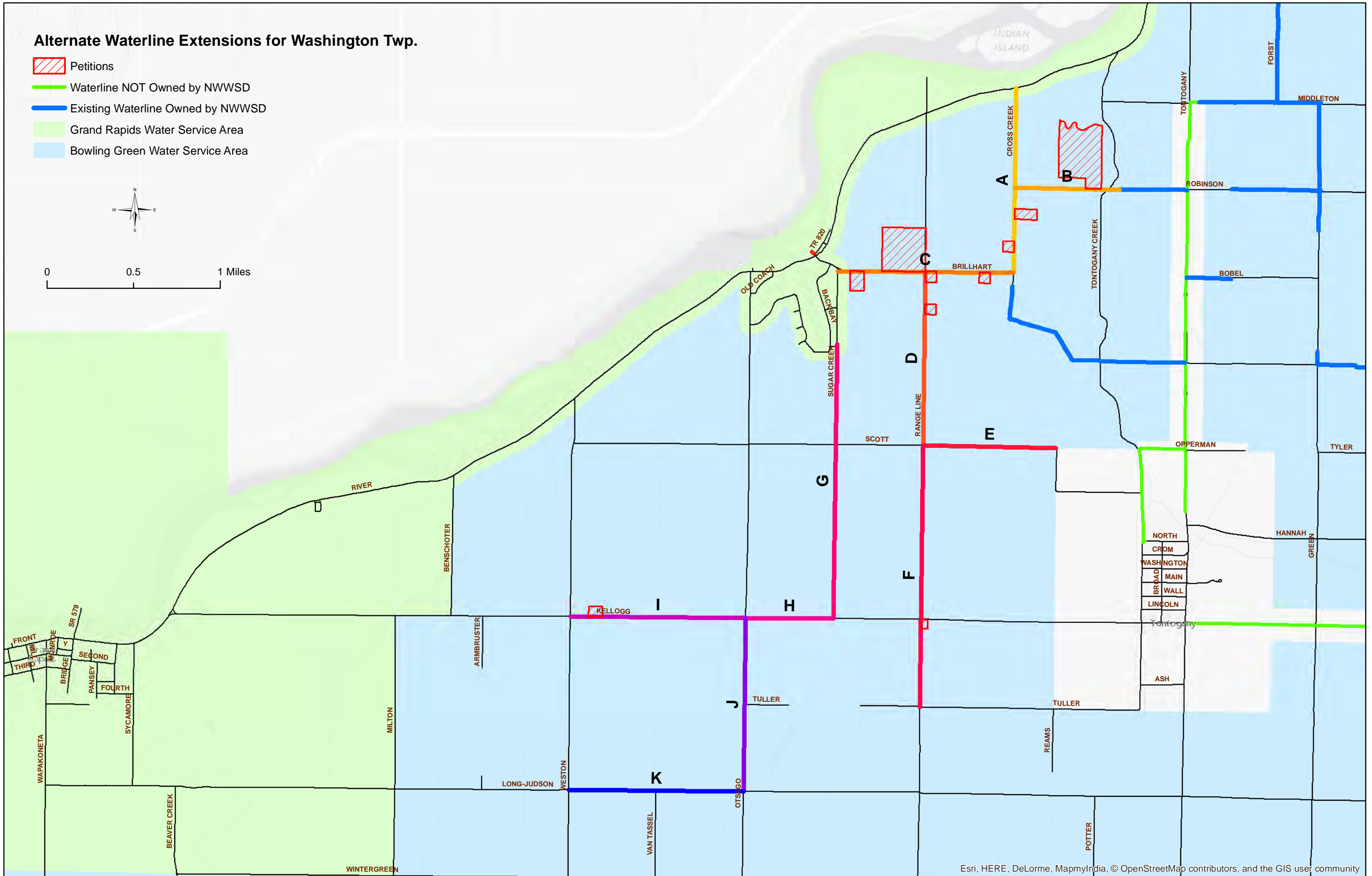


EXHIBIT 5

WE THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY PETITION THE NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FOR EXTENSION OF (WATER) (SANITARY SEWER) SERVICES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING BELOW WE ARE AGREEING TO THE CONDITIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

Signature of Deed Owner(s) and Printed Name	*Service Location Address or Parcel Number	Mailing Address (if different from service address)	**Reason or Need for Service	Date Petitioned Signed

*Include copy of tax duplicate

** Reasons include, fire protection, poor water quality, dry wells, orders from environmental agencies, other-please be specific.

**EXHIBIT 5
PETITION AND WAIVER CONDITIONS**

A petition for extension of water and/or sanitary sewer service is being discussed in your area. The petition on the other side is requesting your signature asking for support of this proposed project.

If you sign this document, you are agreeing to items outlined herein and these issues include:

1. You are the deed owner(s) of the parcel.
2. For a preliminary cost estimate for this proposed project, to be done by the District, 60% of the parcel owners must sign this petition. If an owner has more than one parcel being affected, they can only sign once. If 60% of the owners sign, the District may choose to assess 100% of the benefitting property owners. Tentative assessments would be calculated by the staff, approved by the Board and mailed to all benefitting property owners (owners that abut the water and/or sanitary sewerline route).
3. All owners of the parcel(s) must sign. For example, if property is jointly owned by husband and wife, both must sign.
4. Owners may remove themselves from the petition by submitting a letter to the Clerk of the Board. This must be submitted prior to the Board approving the project by necessity resolution.
5. An opportunity will be given to other property owners (who may choose to connect) to tap at the same or similar cost as the original petitioners. This will be done prior to final construction being completed.
6. If less than 60% of the owners sign, tentative assessments will be calculated based on the remaining property owners who have signed a waiver. Only those owners who sign will be assessed. Any owners who sign a waiver prior to the necessity resolution would bear their pro-rated cost/assessment of the entire project.
7. If less than 60% of the owners have signed the petition, and those owners have borne 100% of the cost; if any non-signers connect after construction is completed and closed out, they will pay the same formula amount plus interest (based on the originally sold special assessment bond) in cash, up front-there will not be a new special assessment bond.
8. Agricultural status will not be requested by signers of this petition, even if they qualify. Ag-status is a responsibility of the owner via the county auditor.
9. Ag-status owners may sign a petition and they will count towards the 60%.
10. If the District has not awarded a contract within 180 days of project approval (necessity resolution), then the entire petition becomes void and a new petition must be initiated and a new project must be approved.
11. All costs are estimates. Actual costs will vary, but cannot exceed this estimate without new waivers or new petitions.
12. If you sign the petition, you may be assessed planning costs for the project even if it is not built.
13. The petition is a public document, and the District may release information regarding petitioning owners and properties for public information purposes. You agree to such sharing of information, including posting to the District's website or other media outlets.