



# ADOPTED UTILITY RATE UPDATES

OCTOBER 21, 2022

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Review Citywide Policy Goals
- Understand Background
- Discuss Utility System Needs
- Consider Historic Rates

Introduce Proposed Rate Adjustments





## 2022 POLICY GOALS

Adopted November 15, 2021



### Opportunity

Be known regionally as a top-tier suburb through top-tier City services.



### Fiscal Sustainability

Seize quality-of-life opportunities while maintaining fiscal practices.



#### Safe & Secure

Invest in traditional public safety and community outreach to meet needs.



#### Trust and Confidence

Transparent government to empower stakeholder engagement.



### **Vibrant**

Use amenities & growth mindset to create a warm & welcome environment.



### Infrastructure

Protect infrastructure by investing in roads, utilities & parks.



### Sharpen the Saw

Refine practices and leverage technology to improve customer service.

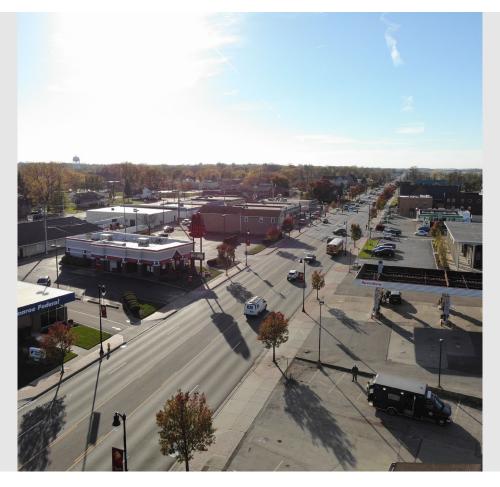


### **PARTNERSHIP**



### WATER

- Tipp City & Vandalia
- Intergovernmental Joint Venture Agreement – 2002
- Reverse Osmosis Plant
- NAWA Employees Tipp City
- Responsible for Own System
- Billed by Gallon
- Plant Capacity Not of Immediate Concern





### **WASTEWATER**

- Huber Heights, Tipp City & Vandalia
- Intergovernmental Joint Venture Agreement – 1996
- TCA General Manager
- Veolia Contractor Plant Op.
- Responsible for Own System
- Billed by Gallon
- Capacity Immediate Concern



### SYSTEM FACTOIDS



### **VANDALIA**

15,000 Residents
19,500 Daytime
Population
~210 Lane Miles of Streets

12.34 Sq. Mi.



### **WATER**

~87 Miles – Water Lines ~20 Breaks / Yr. 800+ Fire Hydrants 3 Water Towers ~3.43 MGD



### **WASTEWATER**

~74 Miles – Sewers 11.2 MGD ~2,000 Manholes TCA Plant Circa 1985



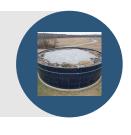
### **STORM**

~79 Miles – Sewers 2,700 Catch Basins 1,200 Manholes



### SYSTEM NEEDS

### **WASTEWATER**



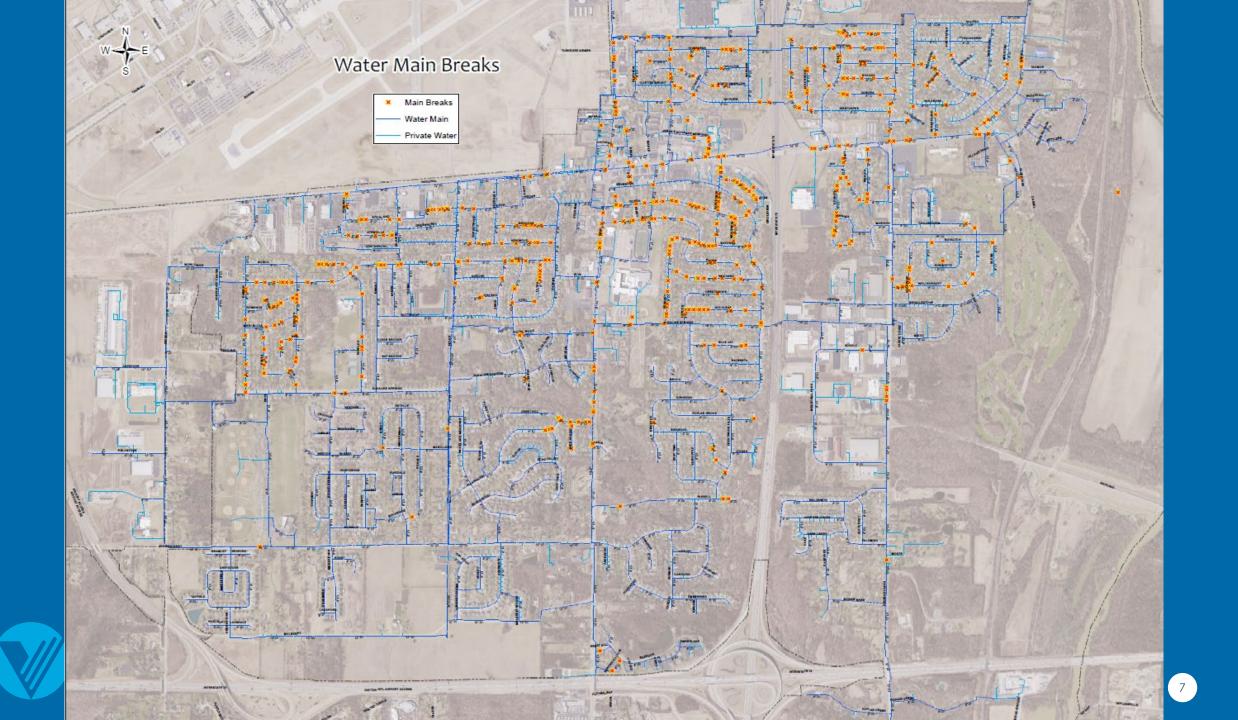
- ~\$81 million in Plant Upgrades
  - Exceeding 11.2 MGD Capacity
  - Piping, Wet Well Capacity
  - Biological Oxygen Demand
- ~\$19 million Storage Expansion Overflows
- Sewer maintenance, lining, replacement
- 2027 Anticipated EPA Regulations P, NH<sub>3</sub>
- Vandalia Public Works Facility
- Capital Equipment Planning

Increasing Cost of Veolia Contractor Personnel Expenses

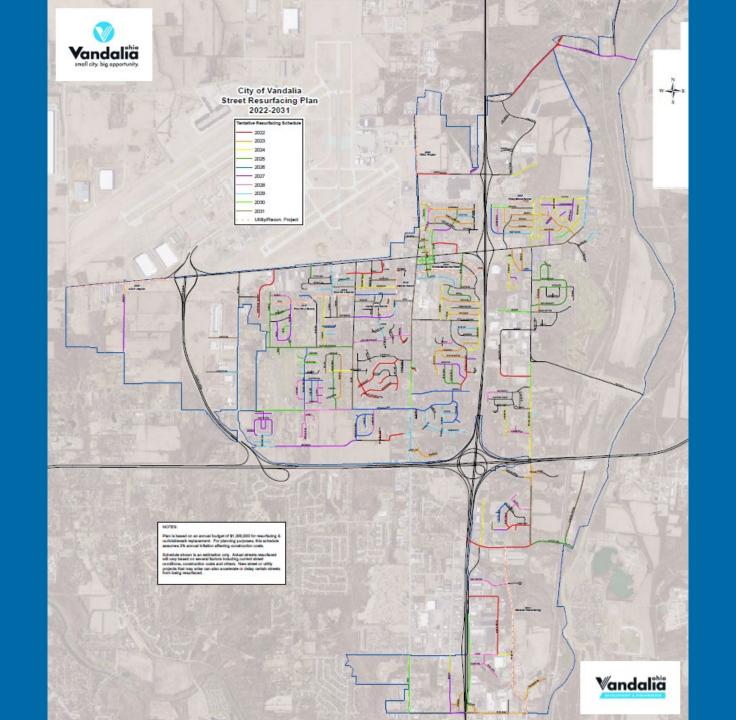
- Systematic Waterline Replacement
- Water Tower Maintenance
- Water Meter Replacement
- Vandalia Public Works Facility
- Capital Equipment Planning
- Personnel Expenses















### SYSTEM NEEDS

### **STORM SEWER**

- Maintenance of Drainage System
- Capital Equipment Planning
- Vandalia Public Works Facility
- Curb & Gutter
- Leaf Collection / Disposal
- Personnel Expenses
- Currently only \$40k \$80k available for capital projects / equipment





### MITIGATING FACTORS & OFFSETS



- Infrastructure Fund \$1.00 / ft.<sup>2</sup>
- Job Creation & Revitalization Fund
   \$0.40 / ft.<sup>2</sup>
- Tax Increment Financing
- Grant Funding
- Metering of Fire Line

## STRETCHING TAXPAYER DOLLARS – GRANTS / PARTNERSHIPS



### **AMPHITHEATER**

Art Park
Capital Budget Bill
\$300k



### **PAVING / UTILITIES**

Water / Wastewater Infrastructure - \$2.4 mm

TRAC - NE Airport Logistics

\$1.8 mm

CPF - ~\$1.33 mm

STP – Webster St. - \$717k

OPWC - Gabriel - ~\$400k

OPWC - Foley / Enola



### **PARKS**

CDBG – Helke \$100k

SWMD – Picnic Tables \$14k

Board of Developmental Disabilities – \$50k

NatureWorks - \$61k



### **BIKEWAY CONNECTOR**

Great Miami River Trail Five Rivers Metro Parks ~\$2.13 mm



## **GRANTS/FUNDING SINCE 2017**

| <u>Project</u>                      | Funding Amt.      | <u>Type</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| National Rd Streetscape PH 5 -      | \$ 300,000        | MVRPC STP   |
| Kenbrook Drive Watermain            | \$ 200,000        | OPWC        |
| 2017 Handicap Ramps                 | \$ 50,000         | CDBG        |
| 2018 Handicap Ramps                 | \$ 10,000         | CDBG        |
| Airport Access Resurfacing & Bridge | \$ 772,855        | MVRPC STP   |
| Skyview Avenue Watermain            | \$ 104,000        | OPWC        |
| Foley Drive Reconstruction          | \$ 400,000        | OPWC        |
| Northwoods Boulevard Recon.         | \$ 418,000        | OPWC        |
| Brindlestone Watermain              | \$ 180,000        | OPWC        |
| Marview Watermain                   | \$ 125,000        | OPWC        |
| Vandalia Bikeway Connector          | \$ 2,136,703      | MVRPC CMAQ  |
| Northwoods - Falls Creek Imp.       | \$ 400,000        | OPWC        |
| Gabriel St.                         | \$ 398,832        | OPWC        |
| Foley/Enola Drive Reconstruction    | \$ 400,000        | OPWC        |
| Clyde / Cyril Reconstruction        | \$400,000         | OPWC        |
| Webster Street Resurfacing          | <u>\$ 717,131</u> | MVRPC STP   |
| Total                               | \$7,012,521       |             |



### TIMELINE TO ADOPTION

- ✓ May 9: Spring Retreat
- ✓ August 15: Study Session Presentation
- ✓ September 6: First Reading
- ✓ September 19: Tabled at Second Reading
- ✓ September 26: 2023 Fall Goal Setting Retreat
- ✓October 3: First Reading
- ✓October 17: Second Reading& Adoption



## HISTORIC RATES

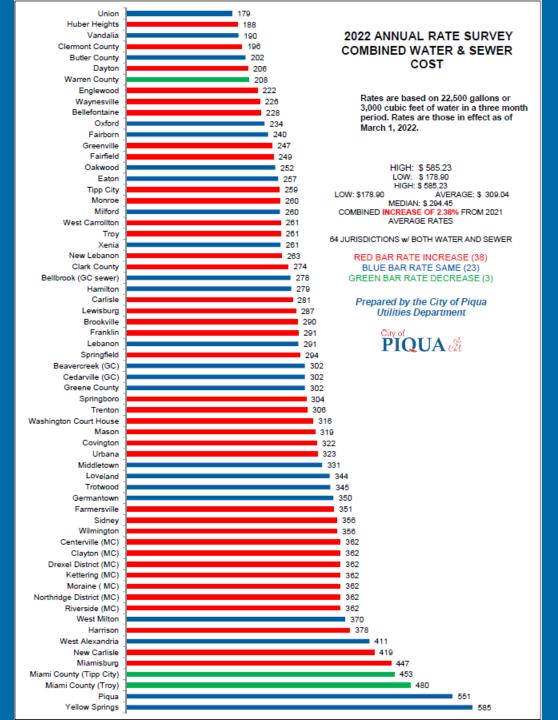




## 2022 PIQUA / OAKWOOD RATE STUDY







## ASSUMPTIONS & QUALIFIERS

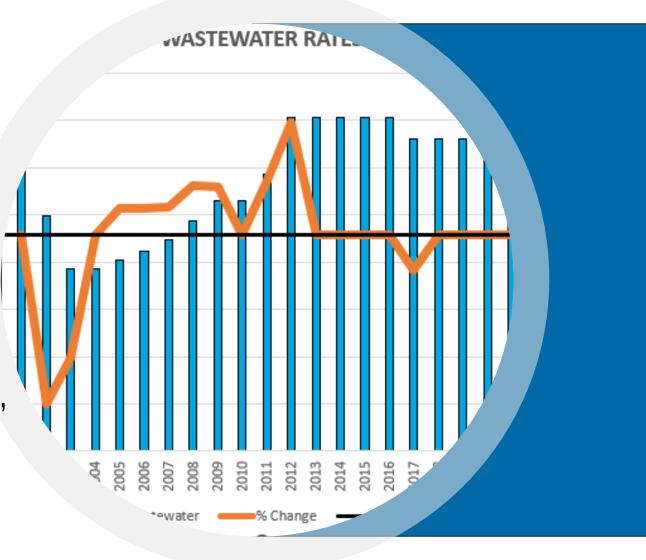
Based on Minimum Utility Bill

Monthly Rate

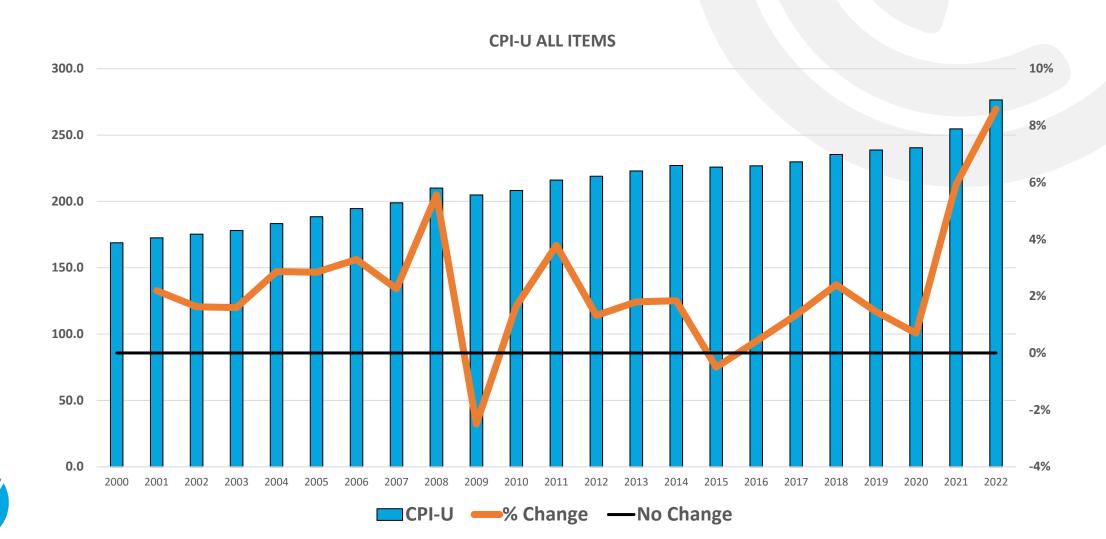
Descriptive Trends

Limited Context: "World As-Is"

"Wastewater" and "Sewer"
 Used Interchangeably

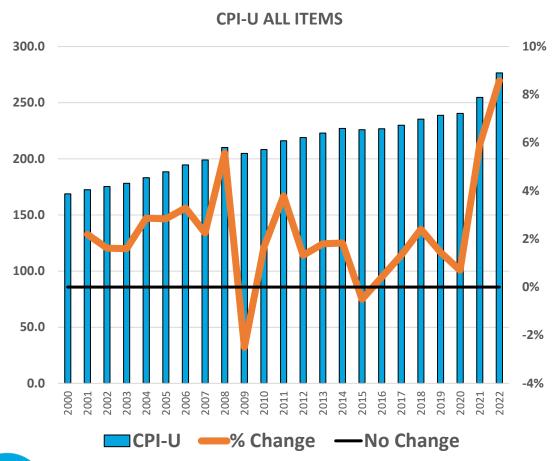


## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – UNIVERSAL (CPI-U) ALL ITEMS





### CPI-U ALL ITEMS 2000 - 2022



• Inflation: 63.82%

Avg. Year-to-Year Inflation: 2.29%

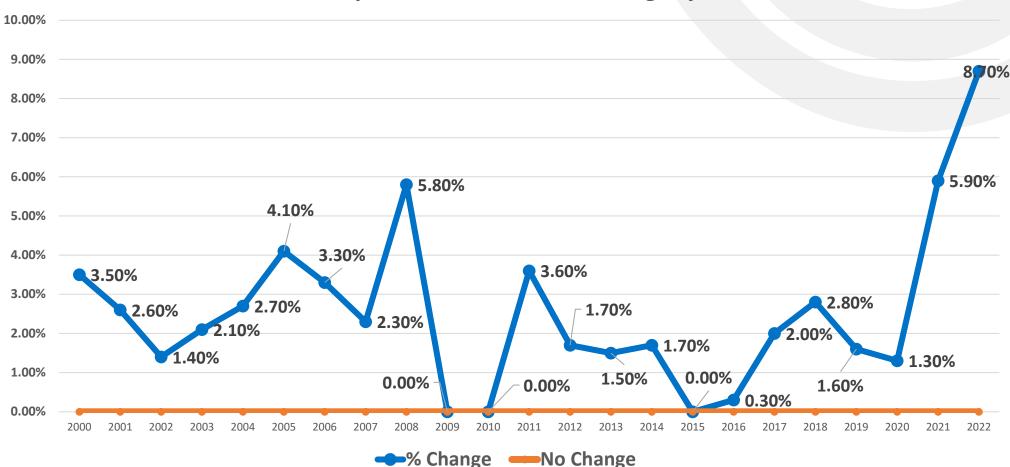
• 2009 Deflation: -2.5%

Gradual Increase



## HISTORIC SOCIAL SECURITY COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS YEARS 2000 - 2022

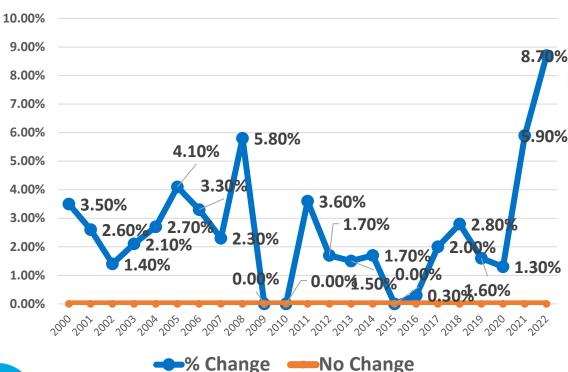
### **Social Security Administration Cost of Living Adjustments**





## HISTORIC SOCIAL SECURITY COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS YEARS 2000 - 2022

## Social Security Administration Cost of Living Adjustments



Average Increase: 2.56%

Cumulative Increase: 58.90%



## **WASTEWATER RATES 2000 - 2022**

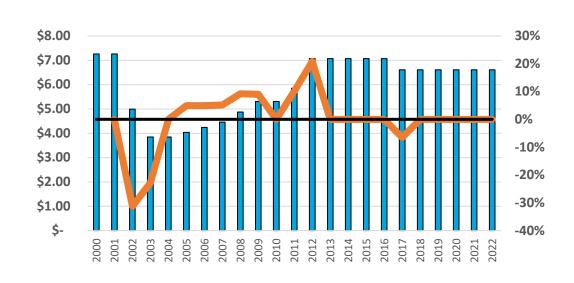






## **WASTEWATER RATES 2000 - 2022**

#### **WASTEWATER RATES**



Rate in 2000: \$7.26

Rate in 2022: \$6.61

### -8.95% Decrease 2000-2022

63.82% Inflation During Same Period

- 2002: -31%
- 2003: -23%
- 2013 2016: 0%
- 2017: -7%
- 2018 2022: 0%



## **WATER RATES 2000 - 2022**

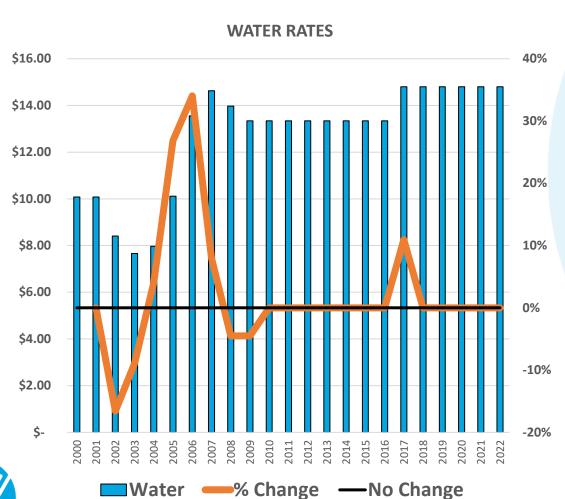
**WATER RATES** 



**─**Water **─**% Change **─**No Change



### **WATER RATES 2000 - 2022**



• 46.83% Increase

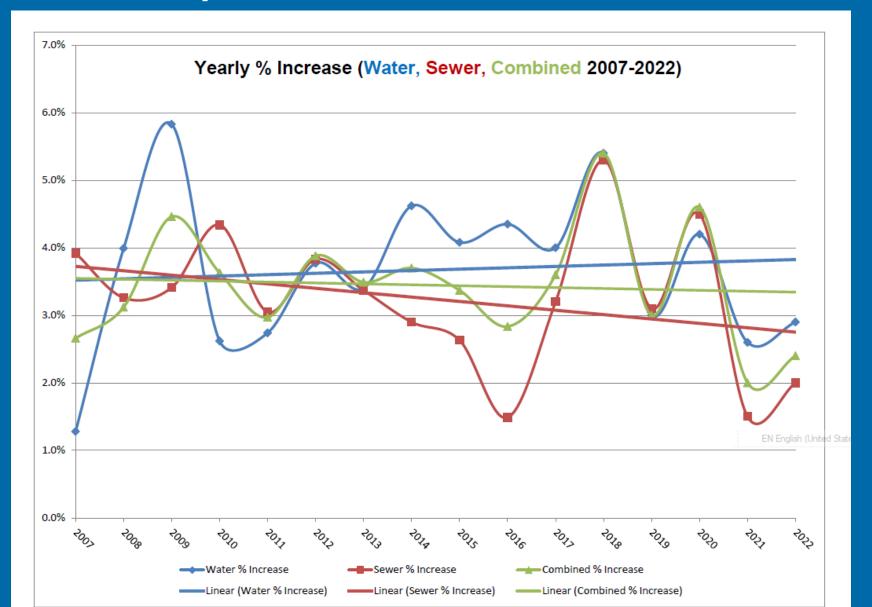
 63.82% Inflation During Same Period

Avg. Year to Year Increase: 2.24%

Gradual Increase



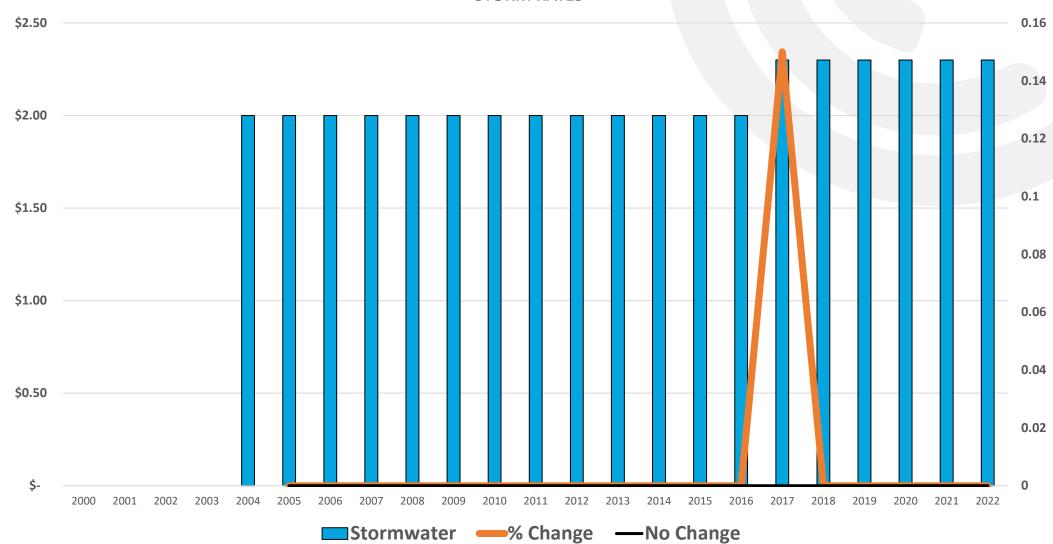
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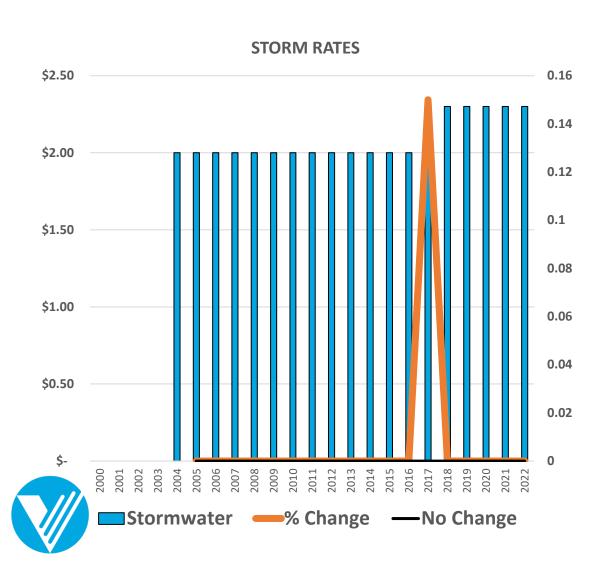
## STORM RATES 2004 - 2022

**STORM RATES** 





### STORM RATES 2004 - 2022



• 15 % Increase

- 50.94% Inflation During Period
- One increase of \$0.30 in 2017
- 2004: \$2.00 / ERU
- 2022: \$2.30 / ERU

## BUDGET/ PROPOSAL / IMPACTS





## WASTEWATER - BUDGET (652)

- 2022 Budget Forecast w/o Update
  - 2026 Negative Fund Balance: (\$4,592,695)
  - (\$5,427,201) from Target Fund Balance (25% Operation Expenditures)
- Adopted Forecast:
  - 2027 Fund Balance: \$1,078,412
  - \$53,958 above Target Fund Balance





### **WASTEWATER – ADOPTED RATES**

- Effective on first bill in January 2023:
  - Increase minimum fee by \$4.96 / month (\$0.165 / day)
  - From \$6.61 to \$11.57 / month
  - Increase other fees proportionally
- Minimum rates established:
  - 2024: \$17.35
  - 2025: \$22.56
  - 2026: \$28.20
  - 2027: \$35.24
  - Rates increased by 2.25% effective on first bill every January thereafter
  - Other fees increased proportionally on same schedule





## WATER - BUDGET (651)

- 2022 Budget Forecast w/o Update
  - 2026 Fund Balance: \$121,155
  - (\$598,087) from Target Fund Balance (25% Operation Expenditures)
- Adopted Forecast:
  - 2027 Fund Balance: \$944,106
  - \$115,766 above Target Fund Balance





### **WATER – ADOPTED RATES**

- Effective on first bill in January 2023:
  - Increase minimum fee by \$4.44 / month (\$0.148 / day)
  - From \$14.80 to \$19.24 / month
  - Increase other fees proportionally
- Minimum rates established:
  - 2024: \$25.01
  - 2025: \$31.27
  - 2026: \$39.08
  - 2027: \$48.85
  - Rates increased by 2.25% effective on first bill every January thereafter
  - Other fees increased proportionally on same schedule



## STORM - BUDGET (242)

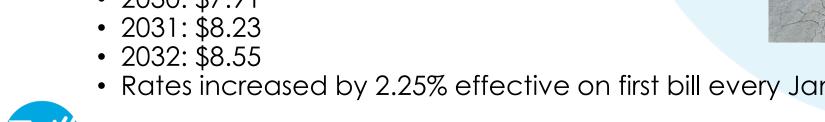
- 2022 Budget Forecast w/o Update
  - 2026 Fund Balance: \$330,317
  - 260,381 over Target Fund Balance (25% Operation Expenditures)
- Adopted Forecast:
  - 2027 Fund Balance: \$828,661
  - 735,081 above Target Fund Balance





### STORM – ADOPTED RATES

- Effective on first bill in January 2023:
  - From \$2.30 to \$2.88/ equivalent residential unit / month
  - \$0.58 increase per month (\$0.19 / day)
- Minimum rates established:
  - 2024: \$3.60
  - 2025: \$4.50
  - 2026: \$5.63
  - 2027: \$7.03
  - 2028: \$7.31
  - 2029: \$7.61
  - 2030: \$7.91
  - Rates increased by 2.25% effective on first bill every January thereafter







| Examples: Stormwater Fee Impact |             |           |           |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| ADDRESS                         | # ERU UNITS | 2022 Rate | 2023 Rate |
|                                 |             | \$ 2.30   | \$ 2.88   |
| 8555 PETERS PIKE-SCHOOL         | 22.2        | \$ 51.06  | \$ 63.94  |
| 8675 STONEQUARRY-SCHOOL         | 12.92       | \$ 29.72  | \$ 37.21  |
| 346 S DIXIE-SCHOOL              | 44.34       | \$ 101.98 | \$ 127.70 |
| 600 S DIXIE-SCHOOL              | 61.79       | \$ 142.12 | \$ 177.96 |
| 1010 E NATIONAL-SCHOOL          | 28.81       | \$ 66.26  | \$ 82.97  |
| 611 RANDLER AVE-SCHOOL          | 22.94       | \$ 52.76  | \$ 66.07  |
| 55 FOLEY-BEAU                   | 14.71       | \$ 33.83  | \$ 42.36  |
| 1090 W NATIONAL-BEAU            | 22.05       | \$ 50.72  | \$ 63.50  |
| 1080 W NATIONAL-BEAU            | 17.04       | \$ 39.19  | \$ 49.08  |
| 1050 W NATIONAL-BEAU            | 20.7        | \$ 47.61  | \$ 59.62  |
| 1020 W NATIONAL-BEAU            | 59.15       | \$ 136.05 | \$ 170.35 |
| 850 CENTER DR-CINTAS            | 12.31       | \$ 28.31  | \$ 35.45  |
| 900 FALLS CREEK-ASPM            | 39.97       | \$ 91.93  | \$ 115.11 |
| 850 FALLS CREEK-ASPM            | 5.37        | \$ 12.35  | \$ 15.47  |
| 740 E NATIONAL-GE AVIATION      | 41.37       | \$ 95.15  | \$ 119.15 |



### **5-YEAR REVENUE FORECAST**

WASTEWATER RAIL

### <u>Total Revenue</u>

Wastewater: \$16,772,028

Water: \$11,950,966

Storm: \$1,543,244

Total: \$30,266,238

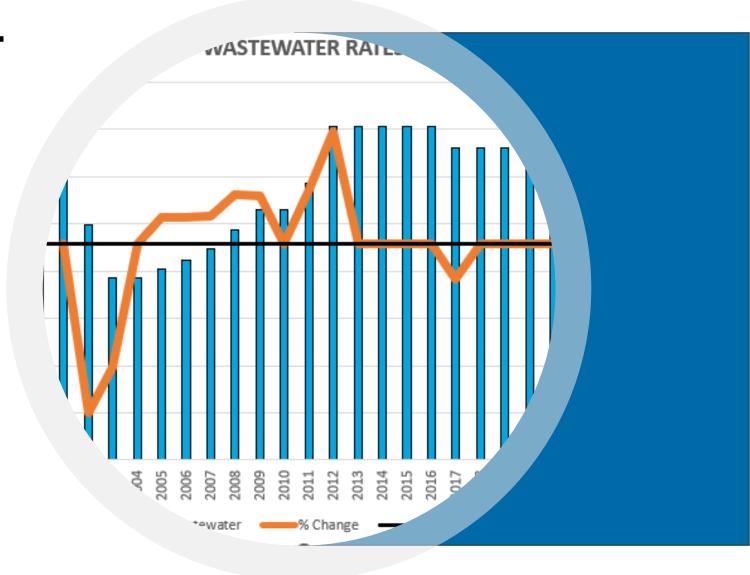




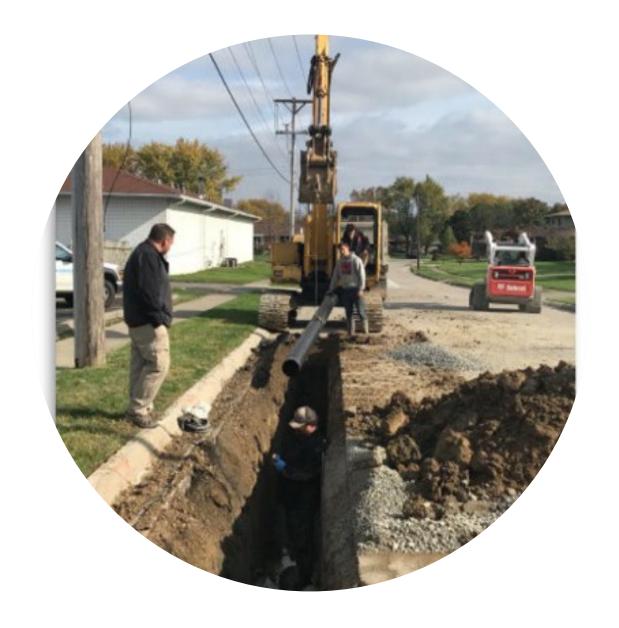
## IMPACT TO RESIDENTIAL UTILITY BILL

### 2023 combined increase:

- \$0.328 / day
- \$9.98 / month
- \$119.76 / year









# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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