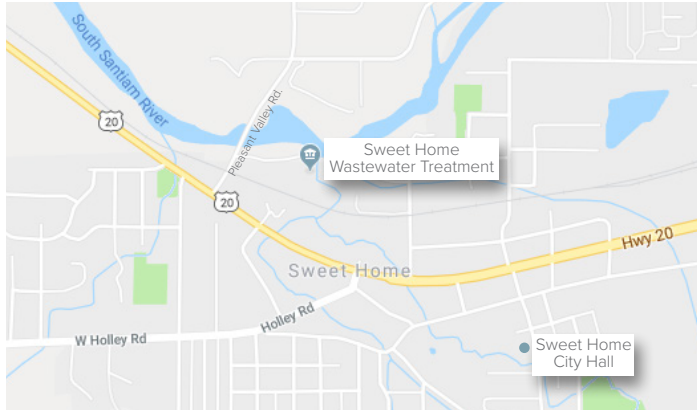




WWTP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The City of Sweet Home treats the sewage from our homes and business at our wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), which is vitally important in protecting the health of the South Santiam River. Our WWTP needs to be upgraded to comply with State regulations we are required to meet.



WWTP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT OVERVIEW

Over the past 20 years, our community has spent a lot of money upgrading the pipes that deliver wastewater from our homes to the WWTP.

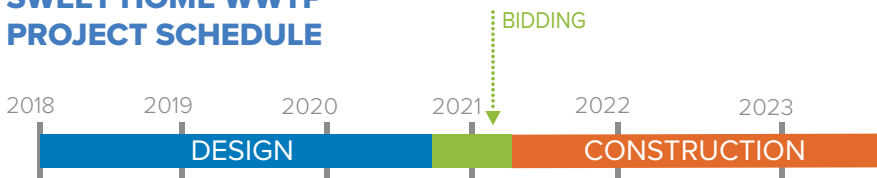
Our current WWTP is old, difficult to operate and has violated the permit that allows us to discharge treated water to the South Santiam River. This has resulted in fines from the state.

Once complete, the WWTP upgrades will serve our community for the next 20 years and beyond.

We will be spending wisely, taking advantage of the past investments of our community by rehabilitating, reusing and repurposing as much of the existing WWTP as possible to keep costs down.

Sweet Home is committed to keeping customers informed about plans for the wastewater system improvements, protecting water quality in local streams and rivers, and keeping costs as low as possible for sewer customers.

SWEET HOME WWTP PROJECT SCHEDULE



Come learn more about the project during upcoming City Council public hearings: **MARCH 26TH & APRIL 9TH AT 6:30PM**

Council meetings are held at the Police Department
1950 Main St.

Your public testimony is welcome.

FAQ

Why are we doing this now? Can we wait a little longer?

The original WWTP was built in the 1950's, with upgrades in the 1970's and 1990's. Much of the original WWTP is still in use today! If we wait any longer, we will be forced to demolish and rebuild the plant at a much higher cost.

How much will the project cost?

Recent efforts by City staff and engineers have reduced the estimated cost of the project from \$42 Million to \$28.2 Million.

How is our community paying for this?

We will use a combination of funding sources to pay for the project, including local savings, grants and low-interest loans.

Will my sewer rates increase?

City Council proactively raised our sewer rates in 2018 in anticipation of the project, which is allowing us to save up approximately \$7M in local funds for the project. City Council and staff are working hard to secure additional outside funding for the project so we can keep our sewer rates affordable.

Are grants and other funding sources we don't need to repay being pursued?

Yes! We have already secured a \$2M earmark from the state and are pursuing grants and other incentive funding through state and federal programs.

How long will it take to complete the project?

Design will begin in June of this year and construction is anticipated to be completed in about 4 years, or mid-2023.

How long will these upgrades last?

Our State required planning horizon is 20 years; however, we are anticipating that much of the equipment and upgrades will be used for the next 40-50 years just as parts of the original 1950's plant is used today.

MORE INFORMATION

To obtain more information about the WWTP Upgrades Project or to arrange a tour of the facility please visit:

<https://www.sweethomeor.gov/publicworks/project/wwtp-improvement-project>

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