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VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

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TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager
DATE: January 13, 2021 (B of T) **Date:** January 21, 2021
TITLE: Amendment to Village Board Policy 4.C.–Overhead Sewer Grant Program
SUBMITTED BY: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *g*

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Public Works Committee has reviewed and is recommending that the Village Board Policy regarding the overhead sewer grant program be amended. The amendments clarify eligibility requirements for the program.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:


Review (as necessary):
Village Attorney X _____ Date _____
Finance Director X _____ Date _____
Village Manager X _____ Date _____

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



January 13, 2021

TO: Village President and Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Village Board Policy Memoranda Amendment

The staff receives direction on the operation of a number of programs and projects through Village Board Policies. This policy direction applies to numerous grant programs, including the Overhead Sewer Grant. This grant program is designed to provide funding to residents making an investment in their property to reduce the risk of sanitary sewer back-ups. Staff has reviewed these programs and recommends that the Overhead Sewer Grant Program Policy be amended to provide staff greater clarity in reviewing applications.

Village Board Policy 4.C. – Overhead Sewer Grant Program

The current program provides that the Village will fund 75% of the cost of the improvement with a not-to-exceed cap of \$5,000 per property. The current reimbursement schedule is as follows:

- Installation of Check Valve (interior or exterior) = maximum of \$1,000
- Installation of combination gate/check valve = maximum of \$2,000
- Installation of an overhead sewer = maximum of \$5,000

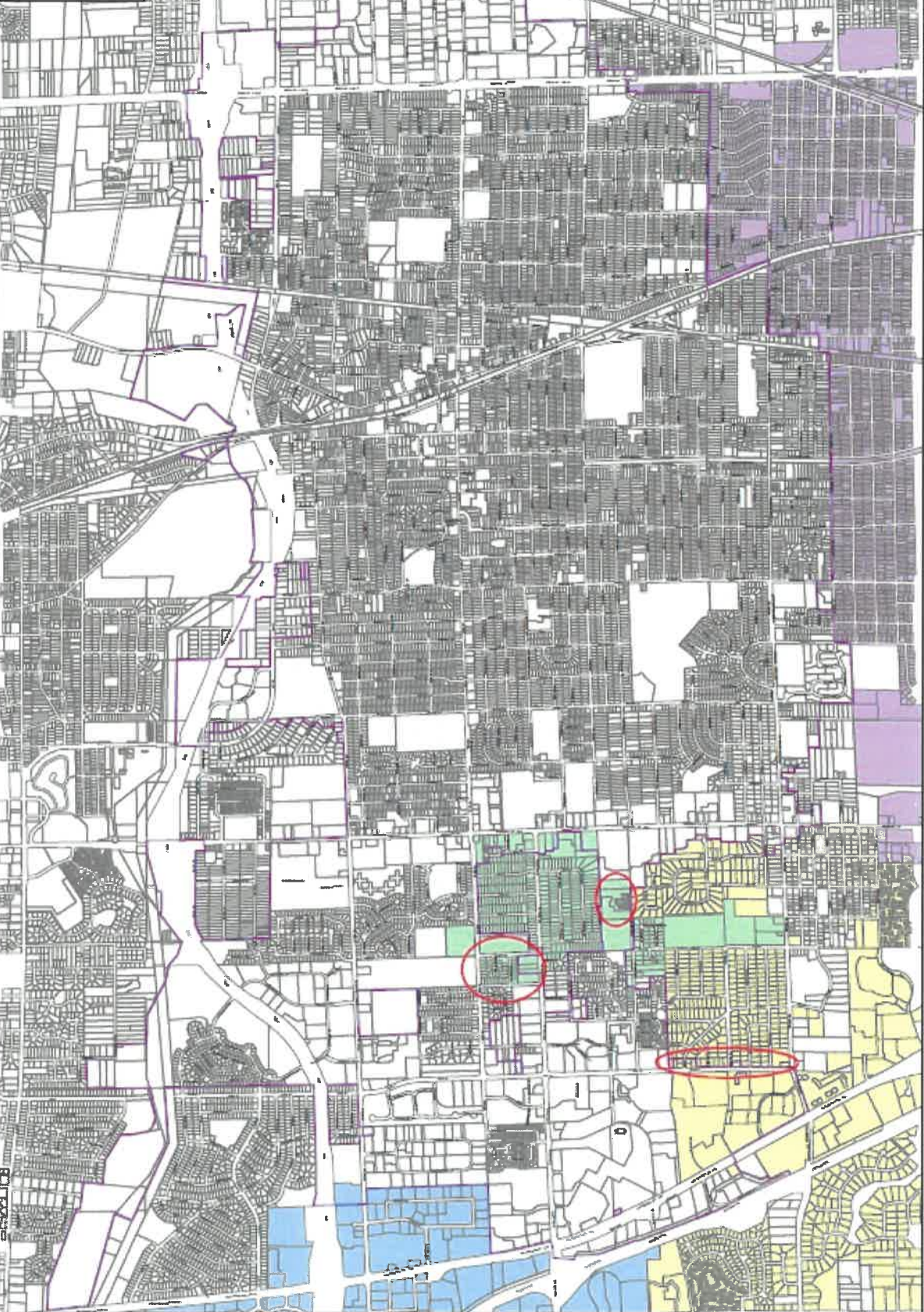
It has recently been identified that the Overhead Sewer Grant Program, which is funded through sewer rates paid to the Village does not specify that participants must be a sewer customer of the Village of Lombard. There are areas of Lombard that receive water through the Village of Lombard, but are sanitary sewer customers of the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District (FCWRD). Customers served by FCWRD pay directly to the District and no compensation is received by the Village. As such, staff is recommending that the Village Board Policy be amended to clarify eligibility for the program. An amended Village Board Policy 4.C. is attached for consideration.

Staff has evaluated the impact that this change will have on properties within the corporate limits of Lombard. As the current policy only applies to residential properties, staff has determined that seventy-four (74) residential properties would be ineligible to receive funding through the Village of Lombard. The attached exhibit highlights those areas. The FCWRD offers a similar program to assist property owners with the installation of flood control devices and each ineligible property would be able to participate in their program.

This matter was discussed at the January 12, 2021 Public Works and Environmental Concerns Committee. The Committee unanimously supported the amendment to Village Board Policy 4.C. and recommended that the matter be sent to the Village Board of Trustees for consideration.

The Public Works and Environmental Concerns Committee and staff recommend that the Village Board of Trustees approve the amendments to Village Board Policy 4.C.

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VILLAGE BOARD POLICY MEMORANDUM

Subject: Overhead Sewer Grant Program

Section: 4.C.
Dept.: PW/CD
Date: December 7, 2020
Revised: October 1, 1998
November 5, 1998
July 17, 2003
April 19, 2007
June 5, 2008
November 18, 2010
August 15, 2013
January 12, 2021

I. Purpose

Some homes are subject to basement backups because of the "low" sanitary service lines in relation to the Village's mainline sewer. During storms when excessive inflow and infiltration enters the sewer, the mainline sewer may surcharge due to a higher hydraulic grade line causing backups into homes. Overhead sewers (with pumped discharges) reduce this problem. However, retrofitting plumbing systems is expensive which discourages many homeowners from taking corrective action. This grant program is designed to encourage more homeowners to take action resulting in less problems and increased property values. There are several types of backflow control systems that will protect property and are a low-cost alternative to a very expensive storm water separation project.

II. Procedures/Guidelines

- A. Interested single family or multifamily property owners who can show evidence of sewer backups submit a grant application to the Public Works Department for evaluation and approval .
- B. Approved applicants obtain Village of Lombard plumbing permit; and electrical permit (if applicable) and pay applicable fees.
- C. Applicant installs overhead sewer system; combination gate valves or an external flood ~~or other suitable system~~ control system approved by the Director of Public Workss using their own contractor.
- D. Upon completion of the work and approval of a final inspection by the Village, the applicant will pay the total cost of the pre-approved system. The Village shall reimburse property owners up to 75% based upon the following schedule, which is based upon the level of protection afforded by the improvement:
 - Installation of check valve (interior or exterior) - maximum of \$1 ,000
 - Installation of interior combination gate/check valve - maximum of \$2,000

- Installation of an overhead sewer, modified overhead and exterior pumping flood control systems - maximum of \$5,000
- E. The funds available for this program shall be identified in the annual Capital Improvement Program. This policy shall be subject to availability of funds.
- F. As part of the Overhead Sewer Grant Program requirements, property owners MUST disconnect all illegal connections to the sanitary/combined sewer system as defined in Section 50.026 of the Lombard Village Code. Property owners may apply for a Clear Water Disconnect Grant per Village Board Policy 4.E.
- G. Only one grant award will be made per address.
- H. Applicant shall comply with all program requirements as set forth in the Overhead Sewer Grant Program application.
- I. Eligible applicants must be directly connected to the Village of Lombard's sanitary or combined sewer system.
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III. **Legislation/Documentation**

- A. Minutes of Public Works Committee meeting of January 13, 1998
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