



FREEDOM SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Freedom Sanitary District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 8:00 am. The public hearing location will be the Sanitary District office, located at N4229 Garvey Avenue, Freedom, WI 54130. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the "Facility Plan: Total Suspended Solids" prepared by Cedar Corporation and the Freedom Sanitary District No. 1. A copy of the Facility Plan is available for review at the Sanitary District office, located at N4229 Garvey Avenue, Freedom, WI 54130.

The purpose of the Facility Plan was to address the scope and feasibility of various alternatives for upgrades and improvements to the Sanitary District's wastewater treatment plant for meeting the Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Water Quality Based Effluent Limits (WQBELs) in the Sanitary District's WPDES permit. WPDES permit conditions require compliance with new significantly more restrictive TSS WQBELs by June 1, 2027. The Sanitary District is unable to meet the forthcoming limits with the existing wastewater treatment plant under current and future growth conditions.

The alternatives identified in the Facility Plan address critical TSS WQBELs compliance needs for the next 20-year design period.

The selected alternative for wastewater treatment plant upgrades includes 3 major components:

1. Influent mechanical screen replacement
2. Upgrade and increase capacity of sludge digestion and storage
3. Addition of tertiary filtration

The estimated cost for the project is approximately \$11 million. Construction for the project is tentatively scheduled to begin in early 2026. The project cost will be financed through the Freedom Sanitary District and through a low interest loan from the State of Wisconsin Clean Water Fund. To pay for the project, Sanitary District sewer user rates, including hauled waste rates will be increased. Anticipated sewer user impacts will be discussed as part of the Public Hearing.

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