



Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority "CWPCA"
41 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416

April 1, 2016

Dear Sewer User Customer:

As of July 1, 2016 the CWPCA (Sewer Department) new operating budget is \$2,010,198. You may have noticed the annual sewer user fee (per equivalent dwelling unit "EDU") has increased from \$235 to \$250. This is a \$15 or 6.4% increase from last year's annual user fee.

While a smaller percentage of this increase is due to our operating costs, the larger percentage of the increase is from the mandated Mattabassett District's wastewater treatment plant improvements.

The Mattabassett District has completed final construction of the facility's upgrade that was mandated by the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CTDEEP), which required the treatment plant to expand and upgrade its treatment of effluent released to the Connecticut River in order to meet current environmental regulations and projected growth. Overall, wastewater flow and pollutant loads to the treatment plant are projected to increase as contributing communities grow. The increase is based on wastewater treatment capacity allotments requested by the Mattabassett District's member communities, which includes Cromwell, New Britain, Berlin, MDC, Middletown (partial) and to include all of Middletown's wastewater flows by 2018.

The current Mattabassett District Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Wastewater Use Fee to Cromwell is \$797,747.

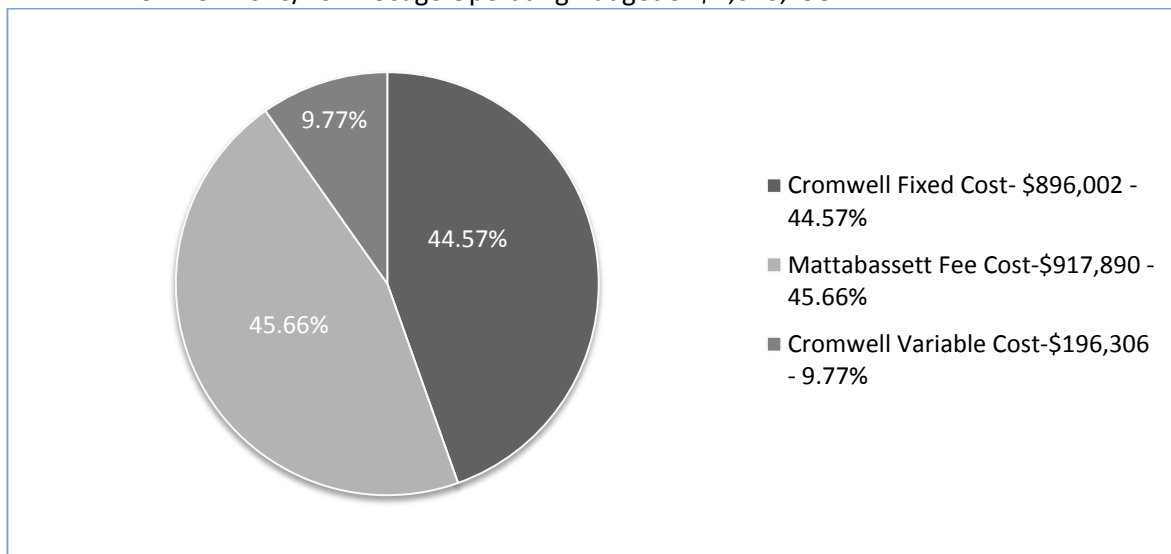
The new Mattabassett District Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Wastewater Use Fee to Cromwell is set at \$917,890 or a 15.1% increase; the CWPCA Annual Sewer User Fee of \$250 or 6.4% overall budget increase includes the Mattabassett increase.

The Sewer Department is currently working on an Infiltration/Inflow Rehabilitation project with an estimated cost of \$750,000 that will repair many of the sewer pipe areas known to have excessive water infiltration and structural deficiencies. Current projects like this and planned future projects are one of the many ways we are working toward maintaining our sanitary sewer system. Without adequate funding, which comes from the Sewer User Fee you pay, rehabilitation projects and the maintenance of the sanitary sewer system would not happen. As we all know everything has a life expectancy and proper maintenance and planning for the future improvements is crucial.

The CWPCA is your advocate and looks out for Cromwell's best interest. In response to these cost escalations, the CWPCA is taking every step to continue with sewer system improvements with the least amount of increase possible and still give you the level of service you deserve.

We hope you find this informative when reviewing the CWPCA Annual Sewer Usage Statement.

CWPCA 2016/2017 Usage Operating Budget of \$2,010,198



Sincerely,

Richard Peck,
Sewer Administrator, CWPCA