

**NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO
PURSUE A SEWERAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the requirements of W. VA. CODE § 24-2-11 that the City of Charles Town (the “City”), by and through the Charles Town Utility Board, intends to pursue sewerage system improvement projects that are not in the ordinary course of business. The respective projects consist of the following:

(i) 2022 Collection System Project. The intent of this project is to reduce sewer flow in the Old Town Ranson gravity sewer system and address various necessary infrastructure improvements within the sanitary sewerage collection system. The project includes improvements to the Burr East Pump Station, the Moose Lodge Pump Station, the Jett’s Farm Pump Station and force main, and the Flowing Springs Pump Station. Also included in the Project is the decommissioning of the Forrest Avenue, Lloyd’s Flat, and 11th Street Pump Stations, construction of the Lakeland Place Pump Station, extension of the Clarence Drive Pump Station force main through Jefferson Memorial Park, and upgrade of the Evitt’s Run gravity line (collectively, the “2022 Collection System Project”).

(ii) Charles Town Wastewater Treatment Plant Renewal and Replacement Project. This project focuses on essential upgrades to the existing main wastewater treatment plant facilities and equipment. The project includes upgrades to the Influent Screening, Influent Pump Station and Metering Manhole, Sequencing Batch Reactors, Ultraviolet Disinfection System, Solids Digestion and Dewatering System, Effluent Pump Station, and Electrical System (collectively, the “WWTP Renewal and Replacement Project” and, together with the 2022 Collection System Project, the “Projects”).

The City estimates the total cost for the (i) 2022 Collection System Project as \$5,000,000, and (ii) WWTP Renewal and Replacement Project as \$8,000,000. These amounts may change based on the construction bids received and other factors.

The City intends to finance all or a portion of the cost of each of the Projects through the issuance of one or more series of its combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds secured by the gross revenues of the City’s Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 8-20-1 *et seq.* The City anticipates that all or a portion of such Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of the 2022 Collection System Project will be purchased by the West Virginia Water Development Authority on behalf of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Clean Water State Revolving Fund (the “CWSRF”). The City anticipates that all or a portion of such Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs of the WWTP Renewal and Replacement Project will be purchased by the CWSRF.

The City **DOES NOT** plan to increase its current rates and charges for sewer service in order to pay for the costs associated with the Projects.

The Council of the City will conduct a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the ordinance authorizing the Projects on January 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Any person interested may appear before the City Council at the Council Chambers, 101 East Washington Street, Charles Town, West Virginia and be heard. Following such public hearing, the City Council shall take such actions on the Project Ordinance as it shall deem proper.