

Owners of properties within 500 feet of the proposed gravity and low-pressure sewer alignment will be required to hook into the new sewer system and decommission septic tanks. There are preliminary estimated costs associated with this infrastructure change:

	Fee	Preliminary Estimated Cost	Payable To
Property Owner Hookup Costs	Connection fee to the public sewer per equivalent residential unit (ERU)	\$3,200 - \$5,000 per ERU	Mason County Utilities and Waste Management
	Re-plumb sewer to connect to the main system and disconnect from septic tank – “building a side sewer”	\$3,000 (average) These individual costs are property-dependent and will vary. Cost is dependent upon property’s topography, distance from building to property line, and the contractor used for this construction.	Individually-chosen contractor*
Rate-Payer Ongoing Costs	Rate-Payer Ongoing Costs per equivalent residential unit (ERU)**	\$86 - \$100 per ERU	Mason County Utilities and Waste Management

* Mason County is currently investigating low-interest loans and group contracting mechanisms to help residents and business owners construct side sewers. Information is forthcoming.

** Single family homes are considered to be one “ERU.” Businesses and institutions will be assessed on ERUs based on several factors, including water use.



Property owners will need to build side sewers from their building to property lines, where the county utility will provide one stub (shown here), or pipe connection, per parcel.

The exact timeline for septic decommissioning and connecting to the system is currently in development.