

# Wastewater System

## Information Update #13

07 December 2006

On Wednesday, 29 November 2006, the 4<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting on the Greater Woods Bay Wastewater Project was held. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the community to the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) on which the engineering firm of Morrison Maierle, Inc. has been working for the past several months. The PER is the cornerstone document needed to meet basic regulatory requirements of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for wastewater projects. Without this document no further progress on the wastewater project is possible. There were 33 people in attendance at the meeting including the Director of the office of Environmental Quality, Lake County, Montana.

The PER will be distributed through the Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee for public comment. The public comment period will extend from 12 December 2006 through 12 February 2007. Copies of the PER will be made available at the Bigfork Library and the UPS Store in Bigfork. The PER will also be available at {[www.greaterwoodsbay.org](http://www.greaterwoodsbay.org)} the website of Morrison Maierle, Inc. containing information about our wastewater project. A cover sheet will provide directions for the submission of comments.

In brief, the PER identifies the tasks, conditions, and standards for the implementation of a wastewater system throughout the Greater Woods Bay planning area. It identifies the initial constraints and restraints that any of the several options investigated will have to overcome. It presents arguments for the consideration of the economy of scale extant in the existing Bigfork Water and Sewer District wastewater facility, as well as the administrative and political considerations for which such a course of action would need to account. MDEQ will, in a measured and detailed fashion, analyze the facts and the investigative work done by the engineers on the PER, and judge the level of community support through the public comments returned. The results of this review will set the stage for the next phase of the Greater Woods Bay Wastewater Project. The GWBSC is hopeful that once MDEQ has concluded its review, our project will rank highly in the competitive field of water and wastewater projects, and allow us advantage in the funding portions of the project.

Your support is sought openly. You can show you support by reading and commenting on the PER, contacting our State and Federal Congressional

representatives, and talking with your neighbors about the project. If you are uncertain about your qualifications to speak on the matter of the Wastewater Project, simply look at our mission statement and use that as your basis for any conversation.

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee is developing, in conjunction with a qualified engineering firm, a cost effective and efficient wastewater treatment system. The system will be designed to protect the water quality of the surrounding aquifer, the waters of Flathead Lake, and the health and well-being of the people and property of the Greater Woods Bay area, from the first day of operation to well into the future.

From the community webpage for information on the Greater Woods Bay Wastewater Project,  
[www.yennepoint.org](http://www.yennepoint.org)

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Respectfully,  
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