

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Ash Street Forced Main Sewer Pipeline

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1. What is the Ash Street Forced-Main Project?

This is a proposed Sanitation District One (SD1) project to eliminate raw sewage over-flow in Silver Grove during heavy rainfall, and re-route raw sewage from Highland Heights, Cold Spring, and Fort Thomas to the Eastern Regional Treatment Facility in Alexandria.

SD1 is planning to route a forced-main sewage pipeline from the *proposed* Ash Street Pump Station in Silver Grove to the *existing* Riley Road Pump Station on Four Mile Pike near the AA Highway. SD1 and their engineers decided on this route before they were aware of the community of Camp Springs, its historic resources, and working farms that will all be affected by the forced main.

2. Why should the Community of Camp Springs be concerned with this project?

The proposed forced-main will pump millions of gallons of raw sewage through the Camp Springs Valley on a daily basis. The forced-main will not only alter the scenic drive along Four Mile Pike, it will damage or destroy many mature trees which hold the banks of the creek from erosion.

The forced-main will cross Four Mile Creek over a dozen times, and have at least 6 air release valves in the Four Mile Creek valley! These air release valves are of great concern in a valley with no prevailing winds since there will be times when these valves release raw sewage odors.

The forced-main will go right through people's yards, working farms, next to historic stone buildings, and on occasion be in the State's right-of-way. Properties with forced-main easements cannot be built on, and property values will be greatly depleted because of the easements.

3. Is there any benefit to Camp Springs residents?

No. Camp Springs residents will never be able to tie into the forced-main because it is a high-pressure system. The easements owned by SD1 are permanent, and gives them access to your property forever. These easements also greatly restrict how a property can be used or re-sold.

4. Are there alternate routes that avoid Camp Springs?

When concerned citizens and CSI (Camp Springs Initiative) began asking questions and voicing their concern, there were no alternate routes. When our concerns about the project reached the Governor's Office and KDOW (Kentucky Division of Water), alternative routes started appearing from SD1. But we feel that they were not serious routes, and the cost estimates of alternate routes are inaccurate.

More recently alternate routes have been proposed along Route 8, and AA Highway. These alternates would open up potential development opportunities and have a greater return on investment to the County at large. A route through Camp Springs will offer no development opportunities, while greatly altering an historic and rural community.

5. What do residents of Camp Springs do with their sewage?

Camp Springs residents maintain individual septic systems or other EPA approved systems. Camp Springs residents will **never** be able to tie into this proposed forced-main. It will always be someone else's waste traveling through their yards and farms.

6. Will the forced main cost the residents of Camp Springs?

Not directly. But it will adversely affect the farming businesses, our historic resources, character of the community, and agri-tourism economy.

7. How long has this project been going on?

In July 2010 CSI first became aware of this project, but its planning dates back earlier.

8. Were any public meetings held during the planning of this project?

Only after an outcry of public concern were citizens invited to public meetings. All discussions about this project before were held at SD1 offices in private.

9. How can we help protect the rights of the citizens living in Camp Springs?

Call SD1 **859-578-7450** and let them know that you support an alternate route that avoids Camp Springs. We value our historical properties, working farms, and rural way of life in Camp Springs. We feel that even if it costs more money to re-route this pipeline, it will be well spent and benefit the County as a whole because of potential development opportunities along major transportation routes.

This project has no benefit to Camp Springs, and will greatly disrupt our historically significant and agricultural community. Our community is a great asset to Campbell County and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and needs to be protected.

Board meetings and Caucus meetings are open to the public, and are held 3rd Tuesday of each month from Noon-5pm at SD1 offices in Kenton County at **1045 Eaton Drive, Fort Wright, Kentucky 41017.**