



## Catlett – Calverton Sewer Project

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### Memorandum

**To:** Property Owners of Catlett / Calverton Wastewater Service Districts

**From:** Rick Gerhardt, Chair  
Fauquier County Board of Supervisors

**Date:** February 27, 2017

**Subject:** What's been going on with the Catlett / Calverton Wastewater Project?

Why Am I  
Getting This  
Letter?

You are receiving this letter because you live or own property in the current Catlett / Calverton Wastewater Service District, the Board has been quite active since you last received a newsletter.

We also may need your help in finding suitable land for a dispersal field.

**Is the Project  
Still Alive?**

**Yes!**

The Board continues to reaffirm its commitment to the Wastewater Project, and has done so again with a number of important actions.

Is Northwest  
Cascades Still  
in the Picture?

No. When Northwest Cascades (NWC) was asked if they were interested in proceeding with the project they replied in the negative. The Board then determined to formally cancel its agreement with NWC to design, build, and operate a wastewater treatment facility for Catlett and Calverton in February this year. That decision allowed the Board to move forward with alternative plans.

#### **This is where your help is needed.**

Has the County  
Found Land for  
a Dispersal  
Field?

The Board instructed the staff to look for land that would best serve as a dispersal field for treated effluent. That land may be either within the service district, or immediately outside the area. In March, the Board is expected to authorize a contract with an expert On-site Soil Evaluator (OSE) with qualifications to identify and certify land as appropriate for an alternative wastewater treatment system's effluent.

If you own land that you believe would appropriately serve as a dispersal field, or if you are approached by staff asking to allow your land to be tested, the Board asks that you consider the role you can play in finally achieving a successful wastewater treatment system.

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What about a New Engineer?	<p>At the same time, the staff is instructed to release a Design-Build Request for Proposals (DB-RFP) targeting engineering firms partnering with contractors, with expertise in designing alternative wastewater treatment systems as well as appropriately qualified construction capacity. These systems have been described to you before at town hall meetings held last year and even earlier.</p> <p>As is usual, the procurement process to secure a design-build team will take some months, so your patience is appreciated.</p> <p>Once a proposal is received that the Board accepts, and because land for the dispersal field should be in hand, the planning and construction will move along more quickly (always subject to weather).</p>
Is the Construction Loan Still Available for this Project?	<p>Yes! Quite a few years back, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) made a loan available to the county specifically for this project. There was concern that with the delays in getting the project underway that loan was lost. Leadership at DEQ knows how important this project is to the health of the public and the environment in Catlett and Calverton, and the loan currently remains available to the Board pending a March award to an On-site Soil Evaluator.</p>
Has the Size of the Service Areas Changed?	<p>Not yet. Because the Board is still working on solutions for sewer service in the Catlett and Calverton Service Districts, the timing of the Board's review of options for the Service Districts' boundaries has changed. The approach being taken allows for an examination of the appropriate boundaries of the districts and better planning within those final boundaries. At such time that the Service District Update is scheduled for public hearing, all property owners within the districts will be notified.</p>
I Signed to Hook Up. Do I need to do anything?	<p>No, you don't. All the documents received in preparation for the NWC project design are still being held on your behalf. While none of the documents were recorded with the clerk yet, the Board instructed staff to preserve those documents which included the discounted hook-up fee and financial terms that was offered in 2015. They will be in touch with you once the project is far enough along to finally talk about recordation with the clerk.</p>
Other Questions	<p>The staff remains available to answer any questions you have. And the Project Management Team that includes residents of Catlett and Calverton remains in force. In fact, they are meeting again early in March.</p> <p>However, you are always welcome to contact Gary Schwartz, the County's construction manager for this project, with any questions or comments. His email is <a href="mailto:Gary.Schwartz@fauquiercounty.gov">Gary.Schwartz@fauquiercounty.gov</a> and his phone number is 540-878-7113.</p>

You can also reach me at 540-422-8020.