

Section 4 – Acquisition Strategy

WMU may accept a new collection system into the current system through the following methods:

- Dedication of new infrastructure to WMU (Developer Extension)
- WMU-constructed new infrastructure
- Owner/operator maintains a satellite system and becomes a wholesale customer of WMU
- Direct acquisition/purchase of the system and facilities by WMU

WMU has prepared an Inter-Jurisdictional Policy, April, 2008, which describes in detail WMU's policies for accepting wastewater from wastewater systems not owned or operated by WMU. A list of current satellite systems which may be considered for connection or acquisition by WMU in the future is provided in Appendix C.

4.1 Dedication of New Infrastructure to WMU (Developer Extension)

In accordance with the WMU Development Manual for Water Distribution System and Wastewater Collection System Extensions, July 2003, all designs for developer extensions to the sewer system must be submitted to WMU for review and approval prior to starting construction. The owner/developer is required to obtain Kentucky Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet (KYDOW) approval prior to start of construction. All on- and off-site easements must be acquired, and written descriptions provided to WMU prior to construction.

During construction of developer extensions, WMU performs daily inspections to verify compliance with WMU standards and specifications. Under direction of WMU personnel, pressure testing and CCTV inspection of the new sewer lines are performed prior to acceptance by WMU. Upon completion of construction and CCTV inspection, a one-time punch list inspection is performed by the WMU construction inspector, and a list of items requiring correction is forwarded to the contractor, and copied to the owner/developer.

Prior to final dedication of the facilities to WMU, the owner/developer must ensure all technical and administrative requirements as outlined in the Developer's Manual have been completed. On-site easements are acquired by WMU and recorded upon dedication of the facilities to WMU.

4.2 WMU-Constructed New Infrastructure

As with developer extensions, WMU reviews all designs for WMU-constructed new sewer infrastructure to ensure compliance with WMU standards and specifications. WMU ensures that all new sanitary sewer construction is located within a public right-of-way, or acquires any necessary easements. WMU will also coordinate approval with the

Kentucky Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet prior to construction. During construction, WMU performs daily inspections, and directs pressure testing, CCTV inspection, and a punch list inspection prior to acceptance.

WMU does not construct or maintain (except in emergencies) private sewer infrastructure.

4.3 Wholesale Customers of WMU

Prior to WMU's acceptance of additional wastewater from a satellite system, the owner/operator of the system must submit a written application to WMU. The owner/operator (the "Applicant") must provide the following information:

- Detailed plans and maps of the collection system
- Financial, regulatory, and maintenance records
- Engineering reports documenting the condition of the system, including, but not limited to, infiltration/inflow (I/I)
- Types of users (commercial, residential)
- Information regarding policies regarding customer complaints and SSOs
- Information on industrial uses and industrial discharges

Prior to accepting the application, WMU will review the information provided. WMU will have a professional engineer review the details of the package to determine if the WMU system contains sufficient capacity for the new flow, based on conditions set forth in the Capacity Assurance Program (CAP). If approved, the Applicant and WMU may enter into a Sewer Service Supply Agreement. A sample agreement is included in Appendix D of this plan.

4.4 Direct Acquisition/Purchase

An Applicant may also elect to transfer its facilities and customers directly to WMU. In this event, the Applicant provides the same background information as required for a wholesale customer. In addition, the Applicant provides WMU information on any easements to be dedicated to WMU, and ensures that all facilities meet WMU minimum standards for extension of facilities. All infrastructure must be inspected and tested to ensure compliance with WMU standards and specifications. The owner must demonstrate ownership of all infrastructure and easements, which with all customers must be dedicated to WMU free of any debt or encumbrances. Review by WMU counsel will be required. Final acceptance and dedication will be by action of the WMU Commission. Compliance with all WMU policies for extension of facilities will be required. All tap fees, system development charges, privilege fees, and any and all other fees as approved by the WMU and Winchester City Commissions must be satisfied before dedication. Upon appropriate approvals, customers are transferred to WMU and are subject to all WMU policies.

4.5 Private Sewer Systems

There are approximately 70 private sewer systems presently in the Winchester Municipal Utilities service area. Private sewer lines are not owned or maintained by WMU, however, the wastewater collected is ultimately discharged and treated in WMU facilities, as described in WMU Policy 203.1 (See Appendix B). WMU has an on-going program to eliminate residential private sewer systems in its service area. Approximately \$35,000 per fiscal year is allocated to this program. WMU does not allow extension of or connection to any private sewer. As existing private sewers are rehabilitated, they are added to the WMU collection system inventory. A prioritized list of private sewer systems is shown in Appendix E of this plan.