

West Glen Water System Options



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Introduction & Background

Introduction:

- Jared Tesch, Managing Director, Morrow County Clean Water Consortium

Context:

- Nitrate Contamination, LUBGWMA, and the Morrow County Clean Water Consortium
- West Glen and the Feasibility Study Results



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Getting Clean Water to West Glen

No Expected Cost to Boardman: \$3.85M of funding for infrastructure has been secured

Water System Resilience: Benefits other city neighborhoods and creates system redundancies

Improved Public Safety: Includes fire hydrants providing enhanced fire mitigation

Collaboration: IGA for project design and engineering to ensure continuity of existing system

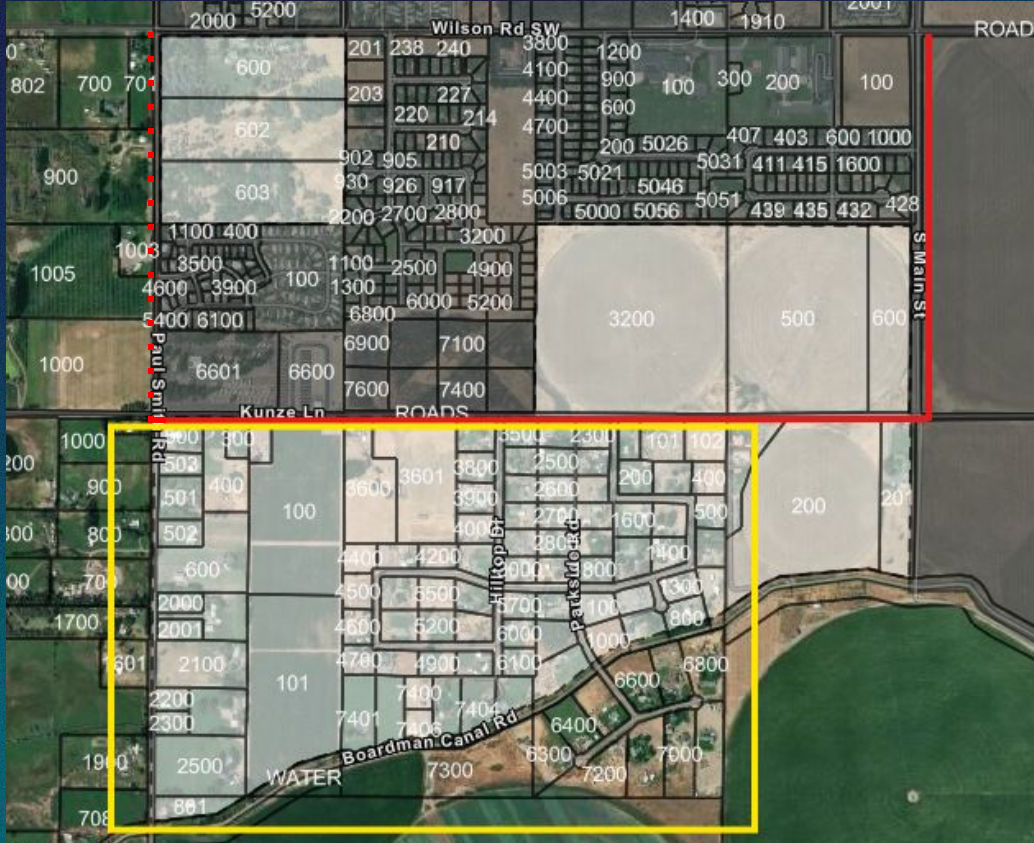
Increased Revenue: Additional ratepayers equates to additional city revenue

Feasibility: Using a municipal water supply is the most practical, efficient and sustainable option

Clean Drinking Water: Project would provide hundreds of local community members with access to clean drinking water for the first time in decades



Proposed Water Line Extension to West Glen



- Proposed project would add at least 1.5 miles of pipe to connect Main St. to Kunze Ln. and then down Kunze Ln. to Paul Smith Rd. (Red Line)
- Paul Smith Rd. line would be contingent on final costs (Dotted Red Line)
- Project would also pay for all water infrastructure and connections within the West Glen Area (Outlined in Yellow)

Option 1: Extension of Existing City System

- City would own and operate entire system
- Clean drinking water only
- City already has management system in place for billing and oversight
- County would have limited responsibilities under this option
- Potential increase of approximately 100 additional properties (and ratepayers) served directly by the city
- Could impact future bond considerations



Option 2: New County-Managed Water System

- County would own and operate entire system
- County would purchase culinary water from the City at a negotiated rate (similar to current contract with the Port of Morrow)
- County would have to create and operate a management system for billing and oversight
- City would have limited responsibilities outside of providing the purchased water
- Most expensive and least efficient option



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Option 3: Contract for Water Services with Boardman

- Under a services contract, the County would own the “pipes” and City would operate the system
- Would allow for continuous monitoring, control, and maintenance of the system by those who are best equipped to do so: the City of Boardman
- City could use its existing management system for billing and oversight
- A legacy fund could be established and additional services provided for West Glen residents during the transition to rate-paying services
- Most holistic approach for use of public funds



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Questions and Discussion?

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