

City of Independence - Strategic Planning Project Information Sheet

Project Title: Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement

Department: Utilities

Contact Person: Travis Foley – Utilities Director

Estimated Total Cost: \$43 Million

Project Timeline: Calendar Year 2026 thru 2029

Project Description:

Construction of a new wastewater treatment plant, while maintaining the current facility's operation.

Project Justification / Community Benefit: The current wastewater facility was constructed in 1978. It has long outlived its expected lifespan and is becoming increasingly more complex and more expensive to operate each day. It will not meet the upcoming DNR nutrient limits and is at maximum capacity in terms of loading, which eliminates the possibility for growth in the community, both residentially and industrially. The new facility will address all these issues and provide excellent service to the community for many years to come. This aligns with the city's goals to support high-quality services, support and enhance City infrastructure, and will help to support business, workforce, and economic development.

Key Dependencies or Potential Roadblocks:

Funding is currently the biggest challenge, although we have plans in place to address it.