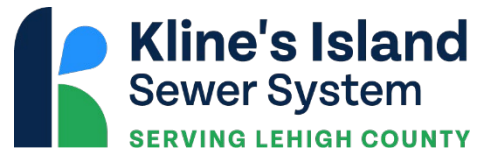


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Public Invited to Provide Input into Regional Wastewater Plan

LCA to host six open houses for the public to learn about investments in the region's wastewater infrastructure, estimated nearly \$300 million over the next 10 years.

Allentown, PA – This month, Lehigh County Authority (LCA) will host six open houses in Lehigh County to share information about its regional wastewater plan. The Kline's Island Sewer System (KISS) serves 15 municipalities in the region through a network of nearly 1,000 miles of underground pipes that flow to a regional treatment plant in Allentown. The system is aging and running near its full capacity. Investments are needed to rehabilitate and upgrade the system to continue to meet regulations that help protect public health and the environment.

"The solutions to address these sewer system challenges will be complex and expensive, with current cost estimates totaling about \$300 million over the next decade. We'd like the public's input to help shape the plan details," says LCA CEO Liesel Gross.

Prior plan estimates, rolled out in public meetings last year, totaled nearly \$600 million. What's different with the updated plan is the removal of an upgrade project for LCA's pretreatment plant in Fogelsville. That project is still needed but will be developed in direct partnership with the industries that require pretreatment service.

During the open house events listed below, Gross will offer a brief presentation at 7:00 p.m. at weeknight sessions and at 10:00 a.m. on the Saturdays listed. The public is invited to spend time during the event viewing exhibits, speaking with a team of experts, and submitting questions and comments on the KISS sewer plan. Contact LCA at KISS537@lehighcountyauthority.org or 610-398-2503 Ext. 164 if special accommodations are needed.

Date	Event Time	Location
10/17/2024	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Lehigh County Government Center, Allentown
10/19/2024	9:30-11:00 a.m.	East Side Youth Center, Allentown
10/22/2024	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Whitehall High School, Whitehall
10/24/2024	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Delta Hotels by Marriott, Fogelsville
10/26/2024	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Fearless Fire Co., Allentown
10/29/2024	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Lower Macungie Community Center

About Lehigh County Authority

Lehigh County Authority (LCA) is a public water and wastewater utility committed to protecting public health and the environment by providing high-quality, safe, and reliable water and wastewater services, serving a population of approximately 270,000 people. LCA is facilitating this effort as the regional municipal agency charged with providing service to all 15 municipalities. While LCA operates regional components of the Kline's Island Sewer System – large sewer interceptors, pump stations and treatment facilities – each municipality is responsible for maintaining their own sewer lines. As a nonprofit, public agency, LCA was founded in 1966 by the County of Lehigh and is governed by a nine-member board of directors appointed by the County. Learn more at www.lehighcountyauthority.org.

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