

# Green Charter Township

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Memo

Subject: Sewer User Charge System

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Residents of Green Charter Township Sewer Utility System

Lately, you may have read or heard about User Charges, Big Rapids Township User Charges rising and the City of Big Rapids construction plans of the waste water treatment plant. The city and the two townships share in the cost of operations of the Big Rapids Sewer Treatment Plant on a proportional basis of usage. This is reflected in your user charge billing but as you may be aware, your (city treatment portion) rates have remained frozen during the last couple of years. Though, there has been some adjustments during this time period of the township's operational expenses, your rates have been held in an semi-artificial state.

Soon as the new upgrades of construction cost, project debt bonding is completed and projected operational costs are brought up to date, the user charge system will be updated within your quarterly billing. We at the Township are trying to keep your costs down as low as possible but the near future billing cycle may jump because of this lag within the current billing from the City of Big Rapids and available users REU (Residential Equivalency Unit) within the township system.

## **Updated News**

On March 27, the township (after requesting the City Manager to forward the notice) received a copy of an Enforcement Notice (EN-000023) to the City of Big Rapids Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and numerous violations that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was indicating that the city needed to address. What impacts this will have on rate structure, we are unable to forecast at this time. Information about this subject will be posted on the TWP website and when other information becomes available: <http://greentownship.org/Sewer%20collection.htm>

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