

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Saugatuck Township will hold a public hearing on proposed improvements and upgrades to its Water Distribution System for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 14, 2025 at Saugatuck Township Hall, 3461 Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, MI 49453.

The purpose of the proposed improvements is to provide a more reliable and safe water distribution system. Project Construction will involve replacement of 50 lead/galvanized water services throughout the water distribution system.

Impacts of the proposed project include typical water service construction, and temporary disruptions such as noise, dust, and traffic congestion caused by construction activities. The benefit will be a more reliable and safe water distribution system for the customers and replacement of known lead/galvanized services.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposed project is \$520,000 during fiscal year 2026. The estimated cost for the typical Township residential customer to cover the loan payments is \$3.17 per month. The Township is currently implementing annual inflationary increases to the Township water rates of \$2.00 per month to cover the cost of these water service replacements, in addition to future capital improvements in the Saugatuck Township Asset Management Plan.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available download on the Township's website and via the following link: <https://bit.ly/SaugatuckDWSRF>.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on May 14, 2025 will receive responses in the final project planning document. Written comments should be sent to the Saugatuck Township Clerk's Office at 3461 Blue Star Highway, PO Box 100, Saugatuck, Michigan.

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