



# Town of Avon

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Dear Resident;

The Avon Engineering department recently completed the design and bidding of the Timber Lane sanitary sewer extension project and has now moved on to focus on the design of sanitary sewers in your neighborhood. A preliminary concept design has been prepared using a combination of field survey, aerial topography, and Farmington Valley Heath District information. The design identifies 36 residences that will benefit from the sewer extension; 28 of which would be able to connect by gravity and 8 of which will have to pump to the gravity system.

Using the concept design and an average of recent actual "as-bid" unit costs from the contractors who bid on the Timber Lane sewer project, we were able to derive what we feel is a reasonably accurate project cost estimate. One mitigating factor that has a significant impact on the cost of the project is that the roadways in the area are considered within the Avon Public Works' Pavement Management database to be in good condition and therefore not slated to be repaired other than via maintenance for many years. The resulting effect for the sewer project is that the project must comply with Town standards with regard to pavement restoration.

The net result is that the estimated project cost is in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million dollars. If the AWPCA were to use its standard process to levy benefit assessments for the project, residents would be responsible for a benefit assessment between \$38,000 and \$44,000. Members of the AWPCA are in unanimous agreement that this figure is unacceptable and that they would not present this to the residents. They have asked me for alternatives to reduce the cost of the project. Specifically, we are going to look into the possibility of routing gravity sewers as close to or within the shoulder area (rather than in the roadway) as well as serving the neighborhood by low pressure sewers. It is our hope to have substantive information regarding this within the next couple of months. When we do, the AWPCA will direct me to prepare and conduct an informational meeting for the residents. We will inform you when the information is available.

In the meantime, we ask that each of you provide an up-to-date email address that we can use to communicate with you. Please provide your email to the Engineering Department administrative support – Nicole Chambers at [NChambers@avonct.gov](mailto:NChambers@avonct.gov).

If you have any questions or comments concerning this, please don't hesitate to contact me or Matt Brown at the Engineering Department:

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Sincerely,

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