

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ELLINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
CODE REVISION
AND
PROPOSED SEWER USER CHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 7-255, that the Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a Public Hearing on June 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 55 Street, Ellington, Connecticut for the purpose of hearing comments by property owners concerning the sewer code revision and proposed sewer user charges to be assessed upon owners permitted to connect to the sewer system. At the hearing, the owner of each property against which charges are to be levied shall have the opportunity to be heard. All charges shall be in accordance with the Sewer Use Charge System Code.

Hockanum Sewer System

Hockanum annual fixed fees (all users)	\$268.00
Hockanum annual variable fees (well users)	\$422.00
Hockanum price per 1000 gallons of water (CT Water Users)	\$8.4385

Crystal Lake Sewer System

Crystal Lake annual fixed fees (all users)	\$276.00
Crystal Lake annual variable fees (full-year users)	\$802.00
Crystal Lake annual variable fees (seasonal users)	\$535.00

Said charges will be effective October 1, 2025.

Tom Modzelewski, Administrator
Water Pollution Control Authority



Water Pollution Control Authority

Town of Ellington
Water Pollution Control Authority
21 Main Street
PO Box 187
Ellington, CT 06029

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Hockanum Sewer District

PROPOSED FEES	10-1-2025
Hockanum annual fixed fees (all users)	\$268.00
Hockanum annual variable fees (well users)	\$422.00
Hockanum price per 1000 gallons of water (CT Water Users)	\$8.4385

Billing Cycle Amounts:

CT Water Users: October: \$134 + Metered Usage, April: \$134 + Metered Usage

Well Users: October: \$345, April: \$345



STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND
INCORPORATED 1786

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Tom Modzelewski
Director/WPCA
Administrator

Water Pollution Control Authority

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6-18-2025

Dear sanitary sewer user,

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 7-255, that the Ellington Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a Public Hearing on June 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main St., Ellington, Connecticut, for the purpose of hearing comments by property owners concerning the proposed sewer user charges to be assessed upon owners permitted to connect to the sewer system. At the hearing, the owner of each property against which charges are to be levied shall have the opportunity to be heard. All charges shall be in accordance with the Sewer Use Charge System Code.

FEE	7-1-2024	7-1-2025	% Change
Hockanum annual fixed fees (all users)	\$250.00	\$268.00	7.2%
Hockanum annual variable fees (well users)	\$420.00	\$422.00	.47%
Hockanum price per 1000 gallons of water (CT Water Users)	\$8.4092	\$8.4385	.35%

Should you need anything further, please contact the WPCA at: wpcahelp@ellington-ct.gov or call: 860-870-3140.

Respectfully,

Tom Modzelewski
Town of Ellington
WPCA Administrator
21 Main St.
Ellington, CT 06029
860-870-3140

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
WPCA
BUDGET REPORT 2025-26

	2024-25 Budget Approved	2025-26 Budget Requested	2025-26 Budget Approved	2025-26 User Fees Fixed	2025-26 User Fees Variable
HOCKANUM SEWER SYSTEM					
REVENUES					
5302.00.05302.00.40660	Hockanum River Assessments	\$40,000.00	\$50,000.00		
5302.00.05302.00.40656	Hockanum Sewer User Fees	\$2,733,112.19	\$ 2,793,268.06		
5302.00.05302.00.40662	Hockanum Developer Agreement	\$0.00	\$0.00		
5302.00.05302.00.40658	Hockanum Sewer Permits	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
5302.00.05302.00.40645	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	VPS AARP	\$0.00	\$0.00		
5302.00.05302.00.60852	Capital Reserves Transfer	\$0.00	\$0.00		
5302.00.05302.00.40601/40664	Investment Earnings	\$100,000.00	\$125,000.00	Estimated	
	Total	\$2,878,112.19	\$2,973,268.06		
EXPENDITURES					
0460 - WPCA MAINTENANCE-					
5302.00.05302.00.50101	Full Time	\$ 192,960.00	\$ 196,320.32	2080 Hours, 1 Crew Chief, 2 Technician 1s @ 80%	\$ 196,320.32
5302.00.05302.00.50103	Overtime	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 18,210.15	80%	\$ 18,210.15
	Medical, Dental, Vision (3 employees)	\$ 71,034.00	\$ 60,668.00	80%	\$ 60,668.00
	FICA & 401a	\$ 35,617.60	\$ 37,918.00	80%	\$ 37,918.00
5302.00.05302.00.60273	Motor Vehicle Repairs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	80% New utility body & crane for current service truck	\$ 17,000.00
5302.00.05302.00.60354	Equipment Parts	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,000.00
5302.00.05302.00.60758	Vernon Pump Station	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
5302.00.05302.00.60759	New Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 8,000.00
5302.00.05302.00.60760	Repairs To WPCA System	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	Hold line for emergnecy repairs & I&I work.	\$ 100,000.00
5302.00.05302.00.60762	Training-Labor & Physicals	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$505,611.60	\$469,116.47	\$ 331,116.47	\$ 138,000.00
0465 - WPCA-ADMIN-HOCKANUM					
5302.00.05302.00.50103	Part Time	\$750.00	\$775.00	Recording Secretary	\$775.00
5302.00.05302.00.60221	Advertising Printing Forms	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
5302.00.05302.00.50101	Dues & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$80.00		\$80.00
5302.00.05302.00.60223	Travel	\$250.00	\$250.00		\$250.00
5302.00.05302.00.60230	Equipment Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60232	Postage	\$100.00	\$1,760.00		\$1,760.00
5302.00.05302.00.60234	Professional Development	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60240	Telephone	\$1,020.00	\$1,200.00	80% Phil's Phone, Cell phone Stipends	\$1,200.00
5302.00.05302.00.60241	Electricity	\$26,000.00	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00
5302.00.05302.00.60243	Water	\$650.00	\$650.00		\$650.00
5302.00.05302.00.60250	Contracted Services	\$20,500.00	\$25,500.00		\$25,500.00
5302.00.05302.00.60252	Consultant	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60271	Repairs Mnt Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60287	WPCA/Damage	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60290	Legal	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
05302.00.05302.00.60291	Legal-Developers	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60292	Engineers	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00
5302.00.05302.00.60294	Engineers-Developers	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60294	Town of Vernon	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,350,000.00	Will be changing to metered flow.	\$1,350,000.00
5302.00.05302.00.60296	Town Admin Charge	\$30,000.00	30,617.60	80/20 Split - Tom & Carolyn 5hrs/week, Carolina 4hrs/week	\$30,617.60
5302.00.05302.00.60298	Developer Connection Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60305	Depreciation	\$305,000.00	\$355,745.00	Per Finance Dept. recommendation	\$355,745.00
5302.00.05302.00.60341	Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00
5302.00.05302.00.60354	Material & Equipment Parts	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60751	Capital Outlay Asst Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60753	West Road Sewer Reconstruction	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60754	Mountain Road Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
5302.00.05302.00.60865	Debt payments-Vernon Plant Upgrades	\$584,771.19	\$584,771.19	Line item until 2040	\$584,771.19
5302.00.05302.00.60763	Facilities Plan	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Vernon Pump Station WPCA Share	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Vernon Pump Station ARPA Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$2,326,141.19	\$2,440,548.79	\$468,927.60	\$1,971,621.19
	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,831,752.79	\$2,909,665.26	\$ 800,044.07	\$ 2,109,621.19
YE TOTAL					
		\$63,602.79	Variable Charge = Total Variable Expenses/Total Annual Flow (250M gallons)	\$ 0.0084385	Price per gallon of flow.
			FEE = Total Fixed Expenses/Total Number of Users (2983)	\$ 268.00	\$ 422.00 Well rate = AVG of all metered users.
01-04-00-00468-95-60950	March Avg RES Usage	50000	Total FIXED + VARIABLE (Well Users) Annual/Half	\$ 690.00	\$ 345.00
			Hock CT Water Users - 2577	\$ 690,636.00	\$ 1,822,492.06
			Hock Well Users - 406	\$ 108,808.00	\$ 171,332.00
1000.02.00280.20.60250	Contracted Services- WPCA		TOTAL	\$	2,793,268.06

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
ENTERPRISE FUND/SEWER AUTHORITY-HOCKANUM SEWER SYSTEM
FIXED ASSET/DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 23

PURCHASED DATE	ITEM	USEFUL LIFE YRS	YEARLY AMOUNT	FIXED ASSET ORIGINAL COST	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	FIXED ASSET NEW TOTAL	A/D 6/30/2023	Depreciation FY2024	Disposals	ACUM/DEPR 6/30/2024	FIXED ASSET/ NET YEAR END 30-Jun-24
INFRASTRUCTURE												
	HOCKANUM SEWER SYSTEM	50	127,547.00	6,377,350.00	-		6,377,350.00	5,354,739.00	127,547.00		5,482,286.00	895,064.00
	HOCKANUM SEWER SYS-UPGRADE	50	21,209.00	1,060,418.69	-		1,060,418.69	528,469.00	21,209.00		549,678.00	510,740.69
20 YEARS	UPGRADE TO WINDSORVILLE PUMP ST AT VERNON SEWER TREATMENT PLANT	20	16,535.00	330,716.14	-		330,716.14	330,716.14	-		330,716.14	-
2005-06	FAIRVIEW AVENUE EXTENSION	50	1,965.00	98,220.00	-		98,220.00	35,370.00	1,965.00		37,335.00	60,885.00
2001-02	WINDERMERE SEWER EXT	50	100.00	5,006.00	-		5,006.00	2,200.00	100.00		2,300.00	2,706.00
2000-01	QUARRY STREET	50	441.00	22,027.24	-		22,027.24	10,143.00	441.00		10,584.00	11,443.24
2000-01	CHARTER RD/ERTEL DR SEWER	50	8,616.00	430,787.38	-		430,787.38	196,755.00	8,616.00		205,371.00	225,416.38
1999-00	UPPER BUTCHER ROAD SEWER	50	1,209.00	60,448.42	-		60,448.42	29,016.00	1,209.00		30,225.00	30,223.42
1989-90	ELLINGTON AVE SEWER LINE	50	652.00	32,613.00	-		32,613.00	22,168.00	652.00		22,820.00	9,793.00
1989-90	TOWN VERNON/EXTRA CAPACITY	50	5,694.00	284,700.00	-		284,700.00	193,596.00	5,694.00		199,290.00	85,410.00
1993-94	VILLAGE STREET SEWER LINE	50	1,662.00	83,086.72	-		83,086.72	49,860.00	1,662.00		51,522.00	31,564.72
1995-96	MOSER DRIVE	50	3,952.00	197,603.33	-		197,603.33	110,656.00	3,952.00		114,608.00	82,995.33
1998-99	PUMP STATION AT DPW GARAGE	50	3,350.00	167,498.40	-		167,498.40	82,051.00	3,350.00		85,401.00	82,097.40
2008-09	MOUNTAIN ROAD SEWER	50	2,987.00	149,328.66	-		149,328.66	44,799.45	2,987.00		47,786.45	101,542.21
2009-10	AIRPORT SEWER PROJECT	50	41,817.00	2,090,829.18	-		2,090,829.18	585,438.00	41,817.00		627,255.00	1,463,574.18
2010-11	WEST ROAD SEWERS	50	7,247.00	362,371.87	-		362,371.87	94,211.00	7,247.00		101,458.00	260,913.87
2010-11	ORCHARD STREET SEWER	50	3,404.00	170,204.50	-		170,204.50	44,210.00	3,404.00		47,614.00	122,590.50
2012-13	SENIOR CENTER SEWER PROJECT	50	120.68	6,034.11	-		6,034.11	1,267.14	120.68		1,387.82	4,646.29
2013-14	ELLINGTON AVENUE SEWER	50	2,676.00	133,800.87	-		133,800.87	26,760.00	2,676.00		29,436.00	104,364.87
2015-16	UPPER BUTCHER ROAD EXTENSION	50	1,166.75	58,337.85	-		58,337.85	9,334.00	1,166.75		10,500.75	47,837.10
2015-16	MAIN STREET SEWERS	50	7,430.87	370,381.12	1,162.50		371,543.62	59,423.71	7,430.87		66,854.58	304,689.04
2015-16	MCKNIGHT HUGHES LEWIS CIRCLES	50	4,805.60	239,217.38	1,062.50		240,279.88	38,359.76	4,805.60		43,165.36	197,114.52
2019-20	STEIN ROAD SANITARY SEWER	50	11,030.63	551,531.35	-		551,531.35	38,607.21	11,030.63		49,637.84	501,893.51
2021-22	STEIN ROAD SANITARY SEWER	50	507.81	25,390.50	-		25,390.50	1,015.62	507.81		1,523.43	23,867.07
EQUIPMENT												
06/11/90	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	10	497.00	4,970.00	-		4,970.00	4,970.00	-		4,970.00	-
05/14/90	PUMPS	10	182.00	1,815.00	-		1,815.00	1,815.00	-		1,815.00	-
05/14/90	PUMPS	10	820.00	8,200.00	-		8,200.00	8,200.00	-		8,200.00	-
11/19/93	SAFETY EQUIPMENT/BLOWER	10	152.00	1,522.00	-		1,522.00	1,522.00	-		1,522.00	-
9/30/1994	SAFETY EQUIPMENT/OSHA CONF W/S	10	818.00	8,181.71	-		8,181.71	8,181.71	-		8,181.71	-
6/7/2006	HUDSON-20 TON TRAILER	5	600.00	3,000.00	-		3,000.00	3,000.00	-		3,000.00	-
6/20/2008	2002 VACTOR RAMJET PIPE CLEANER 1	5	11,000.00	55,000.00	-		55,000.00	55,000.00	-		55,000.00	-
#####	JWC ENVIRONMENTAL MECHANICAL C	10	2,814.00	28,141.00	-		28,141.00	28,141.00	-		28,141.00	-
8/27/2010	BOBCAT OF CONNECTICUT	10	258.00	2,582.18	-		2,582.18	2,582.18	-		2,582.18	-
6/13/2011	ELECTRIC TECH-MIXER MEADOWBROOK	10	862.00	8,622.00	-		8,622.00	8,622.00	-		8,622.00	-
6/27/2014	2015-GMC TRUCK	5	12,404.00	62,019.62	-		62,019.62	62,019.62	-		62,019.62	-
6/30/2023	High School Pump Station Pump	10	2,019.00	20,190.00	-		20,190.00	2,019.00	2,019.00	-	4,038.00	16,152.00
6/30/2023	Missions System Upgrade	10	2,404.15	24,041.50	-		24,041.50	2,404.15	2,404.15	-	4,808.30	19,233.20
6/30/2023	Control Panel Upgrade	10	3,600.00	36,000.00	-		36,000.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	-	7,200.00	28,800.00
6/30/2023	Center Pump Station Pump	10	907.50	9,075.00	-		9,075.00	907.50	907.50	-	1,815.00	7,260.00
6/30/2023	Vernon Pump Station Pump	10	1,047.70	10,477.00	-		10,477.00	1,047.70	1,047.70	-	2,095.40	8,381.60

13,593,964.72 Tab 1 8,083,196.89 Tab 1 269,568.69 Tab 1 8,352,765.58 Tab 1

RIGHT OF USE - LEASES												
6/30/2022	WPCA CONTRACT			119,419.00			119,419.00	19,903.00	19,903.00		39,806.00	79,613.00

TOTALS 13,711,158.72 2,225.00 - 27,307,348.44 16,186,296.78 289,471.69 - 16,745,337.16 5,320,812.14

11,121,052 5,320,812

CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS - VERNON PUMP STATION
6/30/2023 Engineering Costs - Fuss & O'Neill

364,308.75 364,308.75

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Ellington WPCA
Capital
Improvements
5-Year Outlook

PROJECT	CURRENT	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	COMMENTS	Operating Budget Impact
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030		
EQUIPMENT								
CAMERA & LOCATOR	\$15,000.00							
SERVICE TRUCK		\$100,000.00					10 year replacement cycle	10,0000/YR - 10 years
SEWER JET TRUCK							Place holder	
FACILITIES								
KETCHBROOK GENERATOR	\$75,000.00							
I & I RESTORATIONS	\$180,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$125,000.00				I&I Work	1666/YR - 30 years
HIGH SCHOOL GENERATOR	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00						3333/YR - 30 years
VALVE PIT REHAB			\$50,000.00				High School, Ketch Brook, 140	
SEWER EXTENSIONS				\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00		Extension on Maple St	
ADMINISTRATION								
	\$295,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00		

User Fees	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Hockanum Wells	406	397								
<u>October 1</u>										
Fixed	\$ 134.00	\$ 125.00	80	80	80	80	60	50	40	40
Variable	\$ 211.00	\$ 210.00	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190
Total	\$ 345.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 270.00	\$270	\$270	\$270	\$250	\$240	\$230	\$230
2578 CT Water										
\$ Per gal/1000	\$ 8.4385	8.4092	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406
<u>April 1</u>										
Fixed	\$ 134.00	\$ 125.00	140	140	140	120	80	60	50	40
Variable	\$ 211.00	\$ 210.00	190	190	190	190	190	190	190	190
Total	\$ 345.00	\$ 335.00	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$310	\$270	\$250	\$240	\$230
Total Well Fees	\$ 690.00	\$ 670.00								
Total Well Revenue	\$ 280,140.00	\$ 265,990.00								
2578 CT Water										
\$ Per gal/1000	8.4385	8.4092	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406	6.9406

AVG Residential water usage gal/yr	50,000	50,000
Total Poss Res CT Water User Revenue	\$ 1,026,543.53	\$ 987,660.54
AVG Commercial water usage gal/yr	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Poss Comm CT Water User Revenue	\$ 1,223,582.50	\$ 1,480,019.20
Total Possible User Fee Revenue	\$ 2,530,266.03	\$ 2,733,669.74

2025-2026		+ 3%			
WPCA Payroll - Full-Time Payroll		Rate	FY2025-26	Hire date	
WPCA Crew Chief - Phil Kidney		\$ 42.89	\$ 89,211.20	6/12/2017	
WPCA Technician/Maintainer II - VACANT		\$ 40.80			
WPCA Technician/Maintainer I - Samuel Hubbard		\$ 38.27	\$ 79,601.60	5/22/2023	
WPCA Technician/Maintainer I - Rober Berthiaume		\$ 34.44	\$ 74,937.60	9/3/2024	
*Salary in negotiation					
Total			\$ 243,750.40		
0460 - Hockanum - 80%			\$ 195,000.32		
0461 - Crystal Lake - 20%			\$ 48,750.08		

Average Hourly Rates	Straight	O/T	D/T
	\$ 38.53	57.80	\$ 77.07

WPCA Payroll - Part-Time Payroll		Rate	FY2025-26	Hire date	
WPCA Admin - Tom Modzelewski(WPCA 5 hours)*		\$ 59.77	\$ 15,540.00	11/13/2018	
Adm Asst II - WPCA - Carolyn Kidney WPCA 5 hours		\$ 38.52	\$ 10,015.00	10/3/2022	
Tax Collector - Carolina Feliz		\$ 61.14	\$ 12,717.00		
Total			38,272.00		
0465 - Hockanum - 80%			30,617.60		
0466 - Crystal Lake - 20%			7,654.40		

5102	OVERTIME	\$	22,763
0460 - Hockanum - 80%		\$	18,210
0461 - Crystal Lake - 20%		\$	4,553

Year	Ten year average for Overtime		
	OT Average	DT Average	Total
2014-2015	140	61	201
2015-2016	80	22	102
2016-2017	118	20	138
2017-2018	122	31	153
2018-2019	98	43	141
2019-2020	64	14	78
2020-2021	88	17	105
2021-2022	93	41	134
2022-2023	75	10	85
2023-2024	72	22	94
2024-2025 - As of 3-9-2025	62	43	105
Average	92	29	121

5110	OTHER BENEFITS	\$	1,650
	Meal Allowances - 3 employees \$250 each	\$	750
	Safety Shoe Allowance - 3 employees \$300 each	\$	900
0460 - Hockanum - 80%		\$	1,320
0461 - Crystal Lake - 20%		\$	330

TOTAL PAYROLL		\$	306,435
Hockanum - 80%		\$	245,148.07
Crystal Lake - 20%		\$	61,287.02