

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  
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PO Box 187  
Ellington, CT 06029

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ELLINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY PROPOSED SEWER USER CHARGE

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### Crystal Lake Sewer District

PROPOSED FEES	10-1-2025
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
<b>Annual</b> Total For Full-Year Users	\$1078.00
<b>Annual</b> Total For Seasonal Users	\$811.00

*Billing Cycle Amounts:*

*Crystal Lake Full-Year Users: October: \$539, April: \$539*

*Crystal Lake Seasonal Users: October: \$539, April \$272*

*\*Proof of seasonal use must be received by 3/3/2026 to be considered.*



STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND  
INCORPORATED 1786

# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Tom Modzelewski  
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## Water Pollution Control Authority

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6-18-2025

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ELLINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY PROPOSED SEWER USER CHARGE

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, Nicholas J. DiCorleto Jr. Meeting Room, 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.

#### **CRYSTAL LAKE DISTRICT PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE**

<b>FEE</b>	<b>7-1-2024</b>	<b>7-1-2025</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Crystal Lake annual fixed fees (all users)</b>	<b>\$264.00</b>	<b>\$276.00</b>	<b>4.55%</b>
<b>Crystal Lake annual variable fees (full-year users)</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$802.00</b>	<b>33.67%</b>
<b>Crystal Lake annual variable fees (seasonal users)</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$535.00</b>	<b>33.75%</b>
<b>Annual Total For Full-Year Users</b>	<b>\$864.00</b>	<b>\$1078.00</b>	<b>24.77%</b>
<b>Annual Total For Seasonal Users</b>	<b>\$664.00</b>	<b>\$811.00</b>	<b>22.14%</b>

As a reminder, seasonal users will be billed twice annually, like full-year users. In the 2025/26 F.Y. seasonal users will be billed the full-year user rate and will need to provide seasonal usage proof to the WPCA Administrator by March 3, 2026 for reduction consideration.

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

Respectfully,

Tom Modzelewski  
WPCA Administrator

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
CRYSTAL LAKE SEWER SYSTEM						
REVENUES						
5305.00.05305.00.40660	Crystal Lake Sewer Assessments	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	Reduce to reflect actual projection		
5305.00.05305.00.40657	Crystal Lake Sewer User Fees	\$317,472.00	\$398,089.00	Increase to: \$544.00 per half. 358 Full-time & 15 Seasonal		
5305.00.05305.40659	Crystal Lake Sewer Permits	\$200.00	\$300.00	Increased to reflect actual projection		
5305.00.05305.00.40645	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00			
5305.00.05305.00.40601/40664	Investment Earnings	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	Estimated		
	Capital Reserves Transfer	\$60,100.00		Transfer to reduce user impact?		
	Total	\$405,772.00	\$ 431,389.00			
EXPENDITURES						
0461 - WPCA MAINTENANCE-CRYSTAL						
5305.00.05305.00.50101	Full Time	\$48,240.00	\$ 49,080.08	2080 Hours, 1 Crew Chief, 2 Technician 1s @ 20%	\$49,080.08	
5305.00.05305.00.50102	Overtime	\$7,314.00	\$ 4,552.54	20%	\$4,552.54	
	Medical, Dental, Vision (3 employees)	\$17,759.00	\$ 15,167.00	20%	\$15,167.00	
	FICA & 401a	\$8,904.00	\$ 9,480.00	20%	\$9,480.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60273	Motor Vehicle Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	20% New utility body & crane for current service truck.	\$4,000.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60354	Equipment Parts	\$15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	Reduced		\$10,000.00
01-04-00-00461-70-60759	New Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Reduced to felfect 80/20 split.		\$2,000.00
5305.00.05305.00.60760	Repairs To WPCA System	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			\$10,000.00
5305.00.05305.00.60762	Training-Labor & Physicals	\$250.00	\$ 250.00		\$250.00	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$113,467.00	\$ 104,529.62		\$82,529.62	\$22,000.00
0466 - WPCA-ADMIN-CRYSTAL LAKE						
01-04-00-00466-10-50101	Full Time-DPW Maintenance	\$0.00	\$ -		\$0.00	
5305.00.05305.50103	Part Time	\$750.00	\$ 700.00	50/50 Split - Recording Secretary	\$700.00	
01-04-00-00466-10-50135	DPW-Laterals-Permits	\$0.00	\$ -		\$0.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60221	Advertising Printing Forms	\$250.00	\$ 300.00		\$300.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60222	Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$ 20.00		\$20.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60223	Travel	\$250.00	\$ 250.00		\$250.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60232	Postage	\$250.00	\$ 440.00		\$440.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60234	Professional Development	\$0.00	\$ -		\$0.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60240	Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$ 500.00	Reduced		\$500.00
5305.00.05305.00.60241	Electricity	\$10,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	Increased		\$20,000.00
5305.00.05305.00.60250	Contracted Services	\$5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	Increased		\$6,500.00
5305.00.05305.00.60252	Consultant	\$0.00	\$ -		\$0.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60289	Town of Stafford	\$110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00			\$110,000.00
5305.00.05305.00.60290	Legal	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	Reduced	\$1,000.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60291	Legal-Developers	\$0.00	\$ -		\$0.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60292	Engineers	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$10,000.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60293	Engineers-Developers	\$0.00	\$ -		\$0.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60296	Town Admin Charge	\$7,600.00	\$ 7,654.40	80/20 Split Tom & Carolyn- 5 hrs/week, Carolina 4 hrs/week	\$7,654.40	
5305.00.05305.00.60305	Depreciation	\$145,000.00	\$ 140,272.00	Per Finance Dept. recommendation		\$140,272.00
5305.00.05305.00.60341	Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$ 200.00		\$200.00	
5305.00.05305.00.60354	Material & Equipment Parts	\$0.00	\$ -			\$0.00
5305.00.05305.00.60751	Capital Outlay-Sewers	\$0.00	\$ -			\$0.00
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	\$292,300.00	\$ 297,836.40		\$20,564.40	\$277,272.00
GRAND TOTAL						
		\$405,767.00	\$ 402,366.02		\$103,094.02	\$299,272.00
YE TOTAL						
		\$ 29,022.98		Variable Charge = Total Variable Charge/Total Number of EDUs (150 * 373 = 55950)		\$5.35
				Fixed fee = Total Fixed Fees/Total Number of Users (373). Variable Fee = Variable Charge * EDU	\$276.00	\$802.00
				Total FIXED + VARIABLE using formulas. Annual/Half	\$1,078.00	\$539.00
01-04-00-00467-95-60950						\$402,094.00
				Total expenditures/Total users (373). Rate to break even. Annual/Half	\$1,078.73	\$539.36
				Full-Time Revenue	October	April
					\$192,962.00	\$192,962.00
				Total Full-Time Revenue		\$385,924.00
				Seasonal users - Subject to administrative approval	\$276.00	\$534.67
					October	April
					\$539.00	\$272.00
01-04-00-00468-95-60950				Total Seasonal Revenue		\$810.67
						\$811.00
						\$12,165.00
				Seasonal Delta		\$4,005.00

TOWN OF ELLINGTON  
ENTERPRISE FUND  
SEWER AUTHORITY-CRYSTAL LAKE SEWER SYSTEM  
FIXED ASSET/  
DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

PURCHASED DATE	ITEM	In Service	USEFUL LIFE YR	YEARLY AMOUNT	FIXED ASSET ORIGINAL COST	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	FIXED ASSET NEW TOTAL	A/D 6/30/2023	Depreciation FY2024	Disposals FY2024	A/D 6/30/2024	FIXED ASSET/ NET YEAR END 30-Jun-24	
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>														
	CRYSTAL LAKE SEWER SYSTEM		50	133,096.36	6,654,817.95			6,654,817.95	4,148,169.89	133,096.36	0.00	4,281,266.25	2,373,551.70	133,096.36
	SOUTH ROAD SEWER		50	373.96	18,698.07	0.00		18,698.07	9,349.00	373.96	0.00	9,722.96	8,975.11	373.96
	STAFFORD RD SEWER EXTENSION RTE 30		50	5,773.76	288,688.09	0.00		288,688.09	57,737.60	5,773.76	0.00	63,511.36	225,176.73	5,773.76
	MANHOLE LINING - CL SEWER SYSTEM		50	689.60	34,480.00			34,480.00	0.00	689.60	0.00	689.60	33,790.40	689.60
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>														
12/08/94	GENERATOR		5	149.80	749.00			749.00	749.00	0.00	0.00	749.00	0.00	
9/30/1994	SAFETY EQUIPMENT/OSHA CONF W/S		10	721.53	7,215.26			7,215.26	7,215.26	0.00	0.00	7,215.26	0.00	
6/7/2006	HUDSON-20 TON TRAILER		5	400.00	2,000.00	0.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	
3/21/2007	COFFIN ONE TON ELECTRIC HOIST,INSTALL		5	1,813.99	9,069.95	0.00		9,069.95	9,069.95	0.00	0.00	9,069.95	0.00	
8/27/2010	BOBCAT OF CONNECTICUT		10	258.00	2,582.18	0.00		2,582.18	2,582.18	0.00	0.00	2,582.18	0.00	
6/30/2023	UPGRADE OF PUMP	6/30/2023	10	337.70	3,377.00			3,377.00	337.70	337.70	0.00	675.40	2,701.60	
<b>TOTALS</b>					7,021,677.50	0.00	0.00	7,021,677.50	Tab 1 4,237,210.58	PY 140,271.38	0.00	Tab 1 4,377,481.96	Tab 1 2,644,195.54	

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								
SERVICE TRUCK		\$20,000.00					10 year replacement cycle	2000/YR - 10 years
FACILITIES								
CRYSTAL LAKE PUMP ST	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$2,000,000.00		Preliminary study to construction - apply for State Grants	5000/year - 30 Years
ADMINISTRATION								
	\$150,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00		

User Fees	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Crystal Lake	358	349									
October 1											
Fixed	\$ 138.00	132	310	310	210	210	210	210	210	205	205
Variable	\$ 401.00	300	80	80	80	80	80	80	75	75	75
Total	\$ 539.00	\$432	\$390	\$390	\$290	\$290	\$290	\$290	\$285	\$280	\$280
April 1											
Fixed	\$ 138.00	132	310	310	310	220	220	210	210	210	205
Variable	\$ 401.00	300	0	0	0	80	80	80	80	75	75
Total	\$ 539.00	\$432	\$310	\$310	\$310	\$300	\$300	\$290	\$290	\$285	\$280
Total Annual	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 864.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 575.00	\$565.00	\$560.00
Total Revenue	\$385,924.00	\$ 301,536.00									

User Fees	2025-26	2024-25 PRP	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
CL Seasonal	15	24			
October 1					
Fixed	\$ 138.00	132	0	0	0
Variable	\$ 401.00	200	0	0	0
Total	\$ 539.00	\$332	\$0	\$0	\$0
April 1					
Fixed	\$ 138.00	132	230	230	230
Variable	\$ 134.00	200	0	0	0
Total	\$ 272.00	\$332	\$230	\$230	\$230
Total Annual	\$ 811.00	\$ 664.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00
Total Revenue	\$ 12,165.00	\$ 15,936.00			
Overall Total	\$398,089.00	\$ 317,472.00			

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