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July 1, 2024

Dear Resident:

The purpose of this letter is to share updated information and next steps with you regarding the process for public water service extension in portions of Boone County.

In recent months, the Boone County Fiscal Court directed staff to pursue the further extension of public water service in currently unserved areas of the county. Potential areas for expansion were evaluated and at the April 23, 2024, meeting of the Fiscal Court, the elected body authorized the initiative to move forward and approved the specific elements of how the program will work.

The county has prioritized streets for water main extension based upon density, proximity to an existing water main and available resources. Based on these criteria, your neighborhood is eligible to participate. Property owners interested in participating in the water expansion program were asked to signal their commitment by returning a deposit. Streets and neighborhoods with at least 50% participation would be confirmed to move on to design and construction.

The enclosed list provides a tally for the number of commitments received on each street. Some streets have reached the 50% commitment level while others have not. Prior to making a final determination to not include your street/neighborhood, the County wants to give every neighborhood additional opportunity to participate in this unique program. Therefore, the county has extended the deadline for commitments to <u>July 12, 2024</u>, at close of business. Lack of 50% participation by this date will result in the County removing your street from further consideration.

In addition, residents can view information about the project and receive future updates, online at <u>publicinput.com/ruralwater3</u>.



If you have any questions about the parameters of the project or next steps, please do not hesitate to contact me. It might also be beneficial to discuss this matter with your neighbors to determine whether or not broader interest exists to participate in the unique project.

Respectfully,

Robert Franxman, Boone County Engineer

# Boone County Rural Water Program (Phase 3)

		Commits as of	
STREET NAME	# OF HOMES	7/1/24	Percentage
Adena Trl & Lucas Park Dr	22	11	50%
Botts Ln & Hand Rd	46	25	54%
Castlewood Ln	17	9	53%
Center St (McVille)	2	0	0%
Chambers Rd (KY 2951) (West of I-75)	9	6	67%
Daniels Ln	5	2	40%
Fifth St (Belleview)	1	0	0%
Front St (McVille)	3	0	0%
Green Rd	13	10	77%
Kelly Rd	12	4	33%
Klotz Ln	13	9	69%
Lawrenceburg Ferry Rd	30	15	50%
Main St (Belleview)	3	1	33%
Pike St (Belleview)	7	1	14%
Scott St & Riverside Dr (McVille)	13	8	62%
Second St (Belleview)	10	2	20%
Seventh St (Belleview)	5	1	20%
Sewell Rd	13	2	15%
Shady Hollow Ln	14	4	29%
Stevens Rd	22	7	32%
Sullivan Rd & Baker Ln	15	10	67%
Sutton Ln	8	1	13%
Sycamore St	5	2	40%
Third St (Belleview)	4	1	25%
Turner Dr	15	5	33%
Vice Ln	20	11	55%
Vine St (McVille)	4	0	0%
Woolper 1 (KY 18 to #5538)	32	15	47%

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## RURAL WATER PROGRAM (PHASE 3) PROPERTY OWNER COMMITMENT FORM

I, the property owner located at the address below, do hereby confirm my commitment to participate in the Rural Water Program (Phase 3) and will tap-in and utilize the Boone County Water District service when made available to my property. I understand and agree to the following conditions:

- Tap-in fees/meter, private property plumbing/connection and monthly rates are the responsibility of the property owner.
- A monthly surcharge of \$25 will be assessed to each property for a period of twenty (20) years.
- Participation by 50% or more of property owners in each individual neighborhood will be required in order to move the project to design and construction.
- A \$250 deposit is required to be submitted with this commitment form which will serve as good faith consideration. This shall be non-refundable EXCEPT the deposit will be refunded in full if 50% or more of property owners in the neighborhood do not commit to move forward. In cases where the project is implemented, the \$250 deposit shall be credited to the property owner's account when service is initiated. Deposit should be made payable to <u>Boone County Fiscal Court</u>.
- To be credited toward the 50% participation requirement, this form and deposit must be returned by **CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JULY 12, 2024.**
- This Form must be returned to the: Boone County Finance Office C/O Rural Water Program Box 960, 2950 Washington Street Burlington, KY 41005

Property Owner Signature

Date

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with \$250 deposit made payable to Boone County Fiscal Court to: Boone County Finance Office, C/O Rural Water Program, Box 960, 2950 Washington Street, Burlington, KY 41005

### Boone County Rural Water Program (Phase 3) Common Questions

Q: How was my street identified for participation in program?

A: Streets have been initially identified as eligible based on proximity to current transmission lines and homes per 1,000 Linear Foot in the neighborhood.

Q: What will the property owner's contribution to the water program be?

A: A monthly surcharge of \$25 to help underwrite the program will be assessed to each participating property. In addition, tap-in fees/meter, private property plumbing/connection and monthly rates are the responsibility of the property owner. Connections on private property will requirement an easement. <u>All Design and Capital Construction Costs above the \$25 monthly surcharge and being funded by the Boone County Fiscal Court.</u>

Q: How long will the surcharge be assessed?

A: Consistent with the Rural Water Program Phase I, the surcharge will be assessed for 20 years.

Q: Do I have to participate in the program?

A: No property owner is required to participate in the program.

Q: Is there a minimum number of properties required to participate?

A: For each neighborhood, 50% of existing properties will be required to confirm participation to move forward with design and construction of the project in that neighborhood.

Q: How much will it cost to tap into the new waterline?

A: The tap in Fee paid to the Boone County Water district is dependent on the size of the water service required for the home, the tap in fee for a 3/4'' Meter is \$820.00 and the tap in fee for a 1'' Meter is \$1,280.00. The cost for service piping and connection from the meter to the home will be determined by the plumber hired by each individual resident.

Q: How much is the typical cost for water service?

A: The Boone County Water District bills customers based on the amount of water used, there current rates are as follows:

First 3,000 gallons →	\$18.93 minimum charge
Next 2,000 gallons 🔶	\$5.81 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons 🔶	\$5.56 per 1,000 gallons
All over 10,000 gallons $ ightarrow$	\$4.81 per 1,000 gallons

The \$25 per month surcharge will be in addition to these rates.

#### Q: What is required to confirm participation?

A: A property owner who desires to confirm their participation will complete the Rural Water Program Property Owner Commitment Form and submit a \$250 Deposit. 100% of the deposit will be applied toward to monthly surcharge. Deposits are non-refundable unless the project is not built in the neighborhood at which point 100% of the deposit will be refunded to the property owner.

#### Q: When is my Commitment Form and Deposit Due?

A: The Commitment Form and Deposit must be submitted vial mail to the County Finance Office at Boone County Finance Office, C/O Rural Water Program, Box 960, 2950 Washington Street, Burlington, KY 41005 by Close of Business on July 12, 2024.

#### Q: What are some advantages of having waterlines extended down my street?

A: The quality and quantity of water supplied by the system ensures that safe and tested water is always available for homes along the streets. In most cases the extension of waterlines will include installation of fire hydrants. This fire protection will most likely result in lower home insurance rates