



## **NOTICE OF PROJECT PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING**

The **City of River Rouge (City)** will hold a public meeting on the proposed **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) proposed Lead Service Line Replacement Program (Program)** for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The meeting will be held at **7:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**, at River Rouge City Hall, 10600 W. Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218 during the regular City Council Meeting.

The proposed Program description and details are organized into a comprehensive "Project Plan". If the DWSRF application is successful, the City will have the ability to employ EGLE's DWSRF low-interest loan program to fund the proposed project; however, utilization of the loan is not mandatory. Project construction proposed in the Project Plan includes the following:

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace 524 lead water service lines as required by the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) in June 2018, which requires all cities in Michigan to replace all lead water service lines. Project construction will involve the replacement of a water service line from the water main to the curb stop (public side), and from the curb stop to 18 inches inside the premises/building or to the meter whichever comes first (private).

Impacts of the proposed program include the following:

- **Public Health:** Reduction in the potential for exposure to lead in drinking water.
- **Customer Disturbance:** Service line material replacements can be disruptive to water supply system customers as entry into the home or business is necessary to complete the work. Scheduling and coordination for construction activities to replace service lines can be an inconvenience to some customers.
- **Increased User Rates:** An increase in user rates will be necessary to fund these improvements. Replacement of the lead service lines has been made mandatory by the State; however, by replacing the water service lines in large quantities and spreading out costs amongst all water system customers, the rate increase has been minimized.
- **Noise:** Noise due to construction activities such as construction equipment, machinery, generators, compressors, etc. will be kept to a minimum, as practicable. The work hours will be maintained in accordance with local ordinances

The proposed program total cost is estimated to be \$6 million. The repayment of the DWSRF loan, if approved, will be apportioned to City water customers based on water consumption. The estimated user costs to finance the proposed project have been determined, assuming DWSRF financing with a 1% interest rate. The apportionment costs are based on an annual average over a 20-year period. The approximate user rate increase necessary to retire the debt incurred from the proposed program is \$8.97 per month or \$107.61 per year for the average user over the life of the loan.

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed projects are available for inspection at the following location: Office of the City Clerk, 10600 W. Jefferson Ave, River Rouge, Michigan, starting **Friday, April 24, 2026**.

Written comments received before the public Meeting record is closed on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**, will receive responses in the final project planning document. Written comments should be sent to: the City of River Rouge Clerk's Office located at 10600 W. Jefferson Ave., River Rouge, Michigan. Attn: 2027 DWSRF LSLR Program