

GRAND PRAIRIE SANITARY DISTRICT

March 2, 2009

Dawn Thompson
Associate Planner
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Suite 800, Sears Tower
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Re: Sanitary Sewer Facilities

Dear Ms. Thompson:

You have inquired why the Grand Prairie Sanitary District (the "GPSD") is pursuing new sanitary sewer facilities rather than utilizing existing facilities in the area. The GPSD was incorporated in 2002 for the purpose of providing sanitary sewer service to its constituents. Shortly after its formation, however, the major land owners in the GPSD began exploring the possible extension of and connection to the facilities of the Mill Creek Water Reclamation District ("MCWRD"), believing that this alternative would provide more economical and more readily available sewer service. In deference to its constituents, GPSD did not pursue activities to develop sanitary sewer facilities and remained inactive.

Recently, GPSD was approached by constituents requesting that it initiate efforts to develop a sanitary sewer system. GPSD learned that the efforts to use the MCWRD could not be consummated because of the high cost of doing so. This related not only to the financial consideration demanded by the MCWRD, but also because the MCWRD had ceded control over the remaining capacity in its system to a private developer, who was demanding financial consideration in addition to what the MCWRD was seeking. In order to be responsive to its constituents, GPSD has initiated efforts to develop its own sanitary sewer facilities consistent with its statutory authority. Based on GPSD's preliminary engineering studies, its cost of developing sewerage facilities will be significantly less expensive for its constituents than the costs associated with the MCWRD connection.

Although GPSD has not engaged in direct communications with the MCWRD regarding shared facilities, such discussions would not be productive because of the role of the private developer who controls the MCWRD capacity. In essence, any intergovernmental arrangement would require approval of a private party, and having a private party outside the GPSD dictate the manner in which the GPSD exercises its statutory authority would be an improper delegation of the GPSD's legal responsibilities. Accordingly, the GPSD Board has determined to proceed with its own independent system as is contemplated under applicable Illinois law.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Kellogg, P.E.
General Manager