



**Hillside District Plan  
Workshop Series 2  
Summary of Public Comment  
Public Water & Sewer Discussions  
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Hillside District Plan public meeting round 2 was held on October 10 and 11, 2007. The following is a summary of the public water and sewer comments heard at these public meetings. Comments transcribed at the meetings are attached.

Fewer people came to the public water and sewer booth than attended the other disciplines. Most of the time at the meetings the public water and sewer team members spent explaining the mechanisms by which water and sewer is extended and whether one has to connect to a public water or sewer and at what cost.

People perceived that extension and construction of public water and sewer would be costly. People often asked how much such extensions would cost and wanted to know the cost of such service before the service is moved into their neighborhood. Several commented that the cost of such service would be difficult to pay for even if it were paid for over several years. All were interested in the White Paper covering connecting to the system and were interested in the housing lender's rules on loans and connecting.

There was less discussion about extension of public water and sewer and density of housing. As in the spring, some people expressed that extending public water and sewer would result in immediate increases in the density of development on the Hillside. Others, however, reasoned that because much of the area was built out at current zoning, increased residential development density might not occur with public water and sewer. Some noted that by moving the HWWMP boundary to the east in areas would give residents a choice that they now do not have about whether or not to have public water and sewer extended to serve them.

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- How will public water and sewer extensions be paid for: New fees or assessments, municipal bonds, private development?
- The HWWMP boundary should be moved westward in the Goldenview Drive area.

- Recommendations made by the public water and sewer team should include where public water and sewer are appropriate and where they are not.
- Extension of public water and sewer must conform to policy recommendation 80 on the Anchorage 2020 Plan.
- Policy Recommendation 80 states utility extensions must be cost effective. It is doubtful that extending public water and sewer can be cost competitive or be done at a lower cost compared to on-site systems.
- Cost is a big consideration in determining whether public water and sewer should be extended.
- The HDP should recommend extension of public sewer without extending public water.
- Can a cost contour to extend public water and sewer map be created? This will help people understand the cost consequences of these extensions.
- Land use should not follow an arbitrary line. Land use should be based upon neighborhood character, topography, and other similar factors.
- Existing rules and regulations that govern development should be enforced. Municipal officials should not cave into developers and grant exceptions or be lax to enforce regulations.
- The HWWMP boundary could be moved to allow existing subdivisions the opportunity to decide if they want public water and sewer.
- I like my well water.
- My septic system works fine.
- How much can the current situation change without impacting financial decisions residents made that live here now?
- Public water and sewer is not necessarily related to density.
- I am very concerned about potential cost of water utilities should we be forced to hook up.
- Do we have to hook up to public water & sewer if it goes by our lot?