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To: Whites Beach Residents and Property Owners

From: Standish Township Board of Trustees

Subject: Opportunity to Connect to Water Main at No Cost

Dear Resident or Property Owner,

We are pleased to inform you that Standish Township has completed the installation of a new public water main serving the Whites Beach area.

As part of our commitment to providing safe, reliable drinking water to our community, eligible property owners have the opportunity to connect to this new water system **at no cost** for a limited time.

Through a grant provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with the assistance of Congressman Jack Bergman, the Township will cover the cost of connecting your property to the existing water service line or to a new owner-installed service line, if applicable.

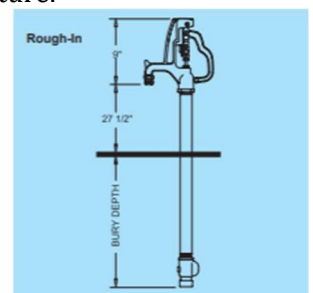
We encourage you to take advantage of this limited-time opportunity by completing and returning the enclosed connection information form as soon as possible. Once the grant funding period ends, property owners who have not connected will be responsible for all applicable connection costs if they choose to connect in the future.

The form can also be filled out online at: <https://forms.gle/KzUZ2SNQnvvkTbTx6>

The link for the form and additional information can also be found on the Township website at standishtownship.gov under Whites Beach Water and Sewer.

What's Included:

- Installation of water meter in the existing meter pit and water service line connection to the meter.
- For properties with existing well water service: Water service line connection from the meter to your existing water service within 5' of where the line enters the structure **OR** to an updated, property owner provided, water service line extending at least 18" from the outer wall of the structure.
- For vacant lots or lots without existing water service: The water service line can be run up to 20 feet from the meter pit to a chosen location and capped and marked with a witness stake to mark the location for future use **OR** a freeze-proof yard hydrant can be installed.
- The contractor will cap the water service coming from the existing well. The existing well must be disconnected from the home's plumbing system to avoid cross contamination.
- The area disturbed by the service line installation will have existing topsoil placed and graded. (contractor will not reseed the area)
- A monthly Ready to Serve fee will be charged to property owners regardless of whether they connect.



Freeze-proof yard hydrant

Property Owner's Responsibility Prior to Connection:

- If known, locate and mark the existing water service line within 5' of where it enters the structure for the Township contractor to connect to. If contractor is unable to locate the existing water line to connect to existing water service, the homeowner will need to upgrade the service line from inside of the structure to more than 18" outside of structure. Wooden stakes will be provided to mark the location if needed. Stakes can be obtained at the East end of Whites Beach Rd. (the beach) by the sign and trash receptacle.
- Property owner or designated representative will need to be present on the day the connection is made.
- Disconnect above ground well pumps and other well equipment from new water system. (if applicable)
- The property owner will be responsible for obtaining any required permits for any modifications that need to be made outside of what's included by the Township. Permits may be obtained from the Arenac County Building Department (<https://www.arenacountymi.gov/BuildingMaint>).

Property Owner's Responsibility After Connection:

- Any interior plumbing modifications needed for connection including removal of pressure or bladder tanks.
- For any modifications, the property owner will need a permit from Arenac County Building Department.
- Reseed the disturbed areas to establish grass.

Next Steps:

You must respond by **September 1, 2026**, to take advantage of the free water service connection. If you do not respond by the deadline, you will be responsible for all costs associated with the water service connection, including all permits. Please reply with the attached form by emailing it to standishtwpsupervisor@gmail.com or by mailing it to P.O. Box 472, Standish, MI 48658. A prompt response will help speed up the connection process.

If you wish to fill out the form electronically, you can follow this link: <https://forms.gle/KzUZ2SNQnvvkTbTx6>

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We appreciate your prompt attention and look forward to serving you through this important community improvement. Standish Township looks forward to providing you with safe, high-quality water for years to come.

Sincerely,

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