



WESTERN WESTMORELAND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

FACT SHEET

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 P.M., in the Authority conference room. The October meeting is held at 5:00 P.M.
- The November meeting is held on the Monday prior to the third Thursday of November.

FACILITIES

- 4.4 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant, with a wet weather design flow of 7.25 MGD (15 MGD Peak)
- Pump Station, Headworks, and Screening Facility (Brush Creek System), 45 MGD Capacity
- 7.0 Million Gallon Equalization Tank
- Interceptor Sewer:

Flows to Brush Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant, Serving 16,671 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs):

Brush Creek Interceptor	3.71 miles
Bushy Run Interceptor	1.51 miles
Paintertown Interceptor	1.88 miles
Manor Interceptor	<u>.18 mile</u>
Total – Brush Creek System	7.28 miles

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS RELATED TO CONSENT ORDER AND AGREEMENT (COA) WITH PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PaDEP):

- Phase I: Pump Station, Headworks, and Screening Facility, and 7.0 Million Gallon Equalization Tank; Systems on-line on January 15, 2019
- Phase II: Replacement and upsizing of the Brush Creek Interceptor to 48", 42", and 36" reinforced concrete pipe
Project was completed in December 2019.
- Phase III:
 - Replacement and upsizing of the Paintertown Interceptor to 18" and 15" PVC pipe
 - Replacement and upsizing of the Bushy Run Interceptor to 30" PVC pipe
 - Replacement and upsizing of the Manor Interceptor to 18" PVC pipe and elimination of the two (2) sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) regulators
Phase III construction began in August 2021. The Paintertown Sewer Interceptor installation was completed in January 2022.

COMMUNITIES SERVED/CUSTOMER BASE

	EDUs	Percent
• North Huntingdon Township	6,303	39%
• Penn Township	5,315	33%
• Irwin Borough	2,484	15%
• Manor Borough	1,400	9%
• North Irwin Borough	398	2%
• Hempfield Township	<u>334</u>	<u>2%</u>
Total	16,234	100%

DATE OF INCORPORATION

February 29, 1972

MANAGEMENT

- Authority Manager: Stanley A. Gorski, Jr.
- Finance Director and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer:
Johanna Wtorkowski
- Operations and Compliance Manager: Mark J. Wolinsky
- Number of Board Representatives:
 - North Huntingdon Township: 3
 - Penn Township: 2
 - Irwin Borough: 2
 - Manor Borough: 1
 - North Irwin Borough: 1
 - Hempfield Township: 1
 - Total: 10

Board members are appointed by their respective communities to serve a five-year term. These are voluntary positions, and no salary is collected by any board member.

EMPLOYEES

- Union Employees: 8 over 1 shift, daylight, Monday through Friday.
- Plant inspections are conducted by employees on Saturday and Sunday.

RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW RECORDS OFFICER

- Johanna Wtorkowski

CONSULTANTS

- Solicitor: Racunas Law Group, LLC
- Engineer: Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc.
- Auditor: Opst & Associates, LLC
- Trustee: US Bank
- Financial Advisor: Commonwealth Investment Management, Inc.
- Bond Counsel: Clark Hill

CURRENT REGULATORY OBLIGATIONS

- NPDES Discharge Permit-Issued 06/01/2017
- PaDEP Consent Order & Agreement/Corrective Action Plan/Tap Allocation Plan-Brush Creek System, Amended on April 24, 2014, May 3, 2018, and July 15, 2021

CURRENT LOANS AND BOND ISSUES

- PENNVEST Low Interest Loan: \$16,231,029
 - Supplemental funding for the 2016 COA-Phase I Project, associated with equalization tank and interceptor upgrades.
- PENNVEST Low Interest Loan: \$14,177,020
 - Financing of 100% of Construction Costs for 2017 COA-Phase II Project, associated with interceptor upgrades.
- PENNVEST Low Interest Loan: \$3,100,280
 - Financing of 61% of Construction Costs for 2021 COA-Phase III Project, associated with interceptor upgrades.
- 2021 Sewer Revenue Bonds Series A: \$18,360,000
 - Refinancing of the 2015 Series A & B and 2016 Sewer Revenue Bonds to restructure debt repayment schedule for COA Project, resulting in a present value savings in the amount of \$2,915,584.44

RATE HISTORY

- The Authority is funded through collection of sewer service charges, currently at \$31.85 per month, per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU), or single residential household. For non-residential customers, one EDU is equivalent to a usage rate of 50,000 gallons of water per year.

History of Sewer Rates:

<u>Cost/EDU/Month</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
• \$ 6.00/EDU	02/29/1972
• \$ 8.00/EDU	04/01/1981
• \$10.00/EDU	08/01/1997
• \$14.00/EDU	01/01/2002
• \$16.65/EDU	01/01/2006
• \$20.35/EDU	04/01/2010
• \$25.35/EDU	01/01/2013
• \$27.85/EDU	01/01/2016
• \$30.35/EDU	10/01/2016
• \$31.85/EDU	01/01/2022

CAPACITY FEES:

The Authority established a capacity tapping fee on October 20, 2005. The current capacity tapping fee is \$1,500.00 per EDU.

- One residential dwelling unit is equal to one EDU.
- Commercial EDUs are based on water consumption, with 50,000 annual gallons of water consumption being equal to one EDU.

