

## **Hope Township Water Project**

You have probably seen the water system projects underway in Midland County Townships. Those systems provide Midland city water to township residents within Midland County Water District #1. Your neighbors are petitioning to build a municipal water system for all of Hope Township. We already have enough property signed up to design a working system. Preliminary engineering design is underway. There is still time to add properties to the plan.

Let's face it, our well water has its problems, including hardness, salt, iron, sulfur, odor, delivery volume, low pressure or some combination. This causes poor drinking water, stained or damaged plumbing fixtures, purchase and maintenance of water conditioning equipment, well maintenance and replacement, limited water availability, loss of water pressure when power fails and the need to haul water for fire-fighting. A system supplying Midland city water to Hope Township solves these problems. Access to municipal water will solve the problem of finding a code-compliant location for a new well, and may solve problems in locating a new septic field.

Projects like this require money. It has been determined that Hope Township qualifies for Federal grant money, so therefore we are applying for a grant. There is no guarantee we'll receive a grant, but if we do, it would pay a portion of the total project cost. Remaining costs will be financed with a low-interest-rate loan from Rural Development, an agency within the US Department of Agriculture. The loan will be re-paid over 40 years through a Special Assessment added to properties within the water system. It has been determined that Hope Township qualifies for some Grant money.

If you have not signed a petition and desire municipal water for your property, now is the time! The new Hope Township system will only be installed in areas where we have enough petition signatures. The cost of installing water pipes is lowest when done as a large project and our goal is to provide municipal water to all residents of Hope Township.

The water system project will be a great asset for our township! Watch for updates!

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