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Subject: Water Service Line Verification and Lead Service Line Replacement Programs

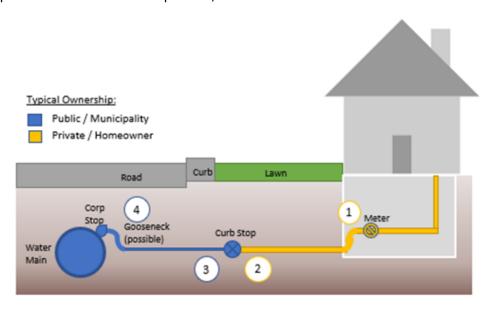
### Dear Current Resident/Homeowner:

The Charter Township of Royal Oak would like to make you aware that recent revisions to the State's Lead and Copper Rule have required that water supply systems in the State of Michigan replace <u>ALL</u> lead water service lines within the next 20 years. This rule also requires water systems to develop an updated material inventory of <u>ALL</u> water service lines in the water system by January 1, 2025. The Township has added information on these guidelines and programs to their website at <a href="https://royaloaktwp.com">https://royaloaktwp.com</a>.

The Township held an outreach event on June 15, 2022 to provide details on the programs developed to meet these new Lead and Copper Rule requirements and provide an opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns regarding these programs. Thank you to all that were able to attend. The following is a brief overview of the programs developed by the Township with assistance from the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's office (OCWRC) and their consulting engineers Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC) and the funding secured to complete and administer these programs;

# Water Service Line Material Investigation

The Township is required to physically verify a random selection of 154 water service lines within the Township (which equals 20% of the Township's service lines). The guidelines directing this work are from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and can be found on the Township's website. The list of randomly selected addresses can be found on the Township's website and these addresses will be receiving a separate letter next month (August 2022) with instructions for how to have their water service line verified. All verifications will require an in-home inspection and an outdoor inspection in accordance with points 1, 2 & 3 in the below illustration.

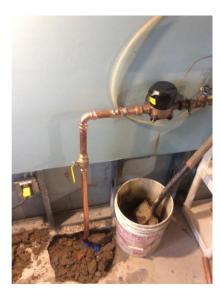


If you wish to self-report the material of your water service in your home, please refer to the Township's website for instructions on how to determine the material of your water service and provide this information to the Township.

# Lead Service Line Replacement Program

The Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program will begin following the completion of the Verification Program. This will allow the Township, HRC & WRC to better predict the material of the service lines in the remainder of the Township and help the Township best utilize their funding for LSLRs. If your home or business was verified or predicted to have a lead service line, the Township or HRC will contact you to set up an Introductory meeting to verify the in-home service line material and review the next steps in the LSLR process. Portions of the water service line that are not currently copper, plastic or brass are eligible to be replaced with a new copper service line.





In order to successfully complete a lead service line replacement, a Temporary Access Agreement must be signed to allow for the Township's contractor to enter your home or business and replace the water service line. Copies of this Temporary Use Agreement can be found on the Township's website. The Township hopes to be able to begin these service line replacements in the Spring of 2023.

## **Program Funding**

The Township, with assistance from the WRC and HRC, was able to secure one (1) loan with 100% principal forgiveness to cover the construction costs of the service line replacement work and two (2) grants to cover the costs of the verification program and administration of the service line replacement work. Therefore, all work in the Township to comply with the updated Lead and Copper Rule will be able to be completed with zero impact to the water rates.

## **Construction Contracts**

D'Angelo Brothers, Inc., was selected through competitive bidding processes as the Township's contractor to complete both service line verification and service line replacement programs. D'Angelo Brothers, Inc. has a long history of providing underground construction services to Oakland County communities, specializing in water service line taps and piping installations. You should be seeing their vehicles around town starting in the Fall of 2022 completing outside service line verifications.

Please direct any questions about these programs to Ms. Donna Squalls, Township Supervisor at 248-542-7540 or <a href="mailto:supervisor@royaloaktwp.com">supervisor@royaloaktwp.com</a> or Bradley Shepler, P.E., of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. at 248-454-6356 or <a href="mailto:bshepler@hrcengr.com">bshepler@hrcengr.com</a>.

Thank you for your time, partnership and understanding as we complete this important work.