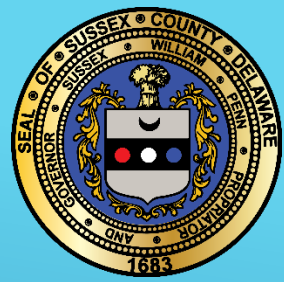




Sussex County Engineering Department

Proposed Town of Slaughter Beach Area
of the
Sussex County Unified Sanitary Sewer District

Town of Slaughter Beach
Town Council Meeting
June 14th, 2021



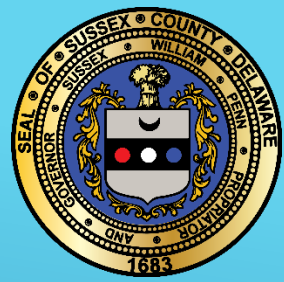
County Rate Structure

A. Annual

1. Service Charge – Billed Quarterly – Uniform across all areas
Recovers the costs of operating and maintaining the collection system, transmission system, and treatment facilities. The Service Charge is set in the annual budget.
2. Assessment Charge – Billed Annually with Tax Bill – Unique to each areas
Recovers the cost of constructing the sewer system based on the annual bond payments.

B. One-time

1. System Connection Charge – (“Impact Fee.”) - Uniform across all areas
One-time charge contributing towards debt retirement and future expansion or replacement of transmission and treatment facilities.
2. Permit Fee – Uniform across all Districts
Paid at the time of sewer permit application covering sewer lateral inspection and creation of billing records.



Estimated Town of Slaughter Beach Area Rates

Estimated Annual Service Charge:

\$300/year per Equivalent Dwelling Unit; billed quarterly to connected customers (subject to change during the annual budget process).

Estimated Annual Assessment Charge:

\$900/year per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (fixed for the term of the financing)

System Connection Charge:

\$0.00 for homes existing at the time of substantial completion. The one-time System Connection Charge (SCC) fee will be included in the financing. Any future connection will be charged the SCC fee in effect at that time. FY2022 Budget set the SCC at \$6,600.

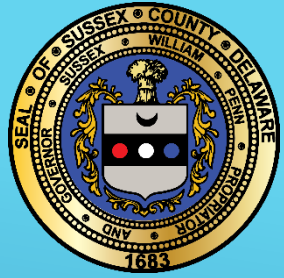
Estimated Annual Charge:

\$300 (service charge) + \$900 (assessment fee) = \$1,200

Estimated One-time Private Connection Expenses:

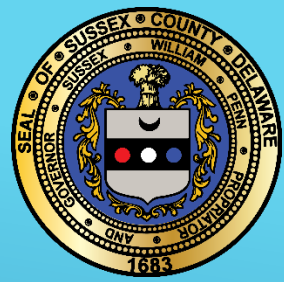
Plumbing costs, including septic abandonment, range from \$1500 - \$2000 based on the complexity. This range includes a \$100 Permit Fee to Sussex County.

* Federal funding guidelines set the affordability of the total annual charge @ 1.5% of Median Household Income as reported in the latest available Sussex County wide Census Data.



General User Rate Information

1. Assessments begin when the sewer district infrastructure system becomes operational.
2. System connection is mandatory by County & State codes for all homes and/or businesses.
3. Service charge billing begins when a home or business is connected or at the mandatory connection deadline.
4. Vacant lots will pay an assessment fee of one equivalent dwelling unit.
5. Property Tax “exempt” properties are also exempt from sewer assessments.
6. Financial assistance is available to qualified homeowners.
7. A single-family residence is one equivalent dwelling unit (EDU).
8. A commercial business will be rated as multiple EDUs based on fixture units in accordance with County Code.

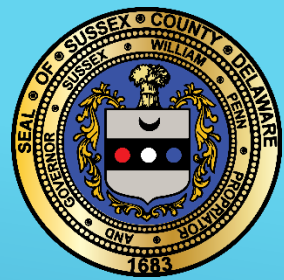


Sequence of Events after Sewer District Creation

1. County will review Town's Preliminary Engineering Report and modify it as necessary to meet life cycle cost comparisons required as part of the funding application package.
2. Engineering & Finance Departments will apply for State SRF and USDA/RD funding packages based on approved reports.
3. Allocation of Sussex County's share of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is completely discretionary on part of County Council and no priorities have been established by the Council.
4. County Council will assign the project to one of the County's on-call consultants once funding has been secured.
5. Consulting Engineers will develop bid documents.
6. County Council will award construction contract based on recommendation.
7. Any roadways disturbed by the sewer construction will be restored in accordance with DeDOT most recent standards.
8. Existing septic tanks must be abandoned in accordance with State regulation. Drain fields will be abandoned in place. Mound Systems can remain in place or can be removed.
9. After connection Homeowners will be responsible for lateral between County clean-out and residence.

Next Steps & Time Estimate

1. Town Council may request formation of a County sewer district pursuant to Title 9 Del. Code § 6501 at any time. Sewer Districts once established per Del Code cannot be reversed.
2. Sussex County Council, after receipt of the Town's request, may establish the Town of Slaughter Beach Area of the Unified Sewer District under an initial proposed boundary matching the municipal Town Boundary.
3. The overall project completion timeline can be up to five (5) years.



Questions / Comments