



Immediate Release

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MMSD Proposed 2021 Budgets Seek 1% Increases

(Milwaukee, WI) – The owner of a \$200,000 home would pay an estimated \$8.71 more next year, compared to 2020, for District services if proposed budgets are approved by Commissioners of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD).

The proposed 2021 capital budget totals \$218.1 million with a tax levy increase of 1% over 2020 levels. Next year's proposed user charge billings would increase 1% from 2020 upon approval of a \$106.4 million operations and maintenance budget.

Infrastructure investments in next year's capital budget include:

- Water Reclamation Facilities \$43.8 million
- Regional Sewers \$16.1 million
- Flood Management \$14.7 million

The 2021 Proposed Budget document will be posted to [mmsd.com](https://www.mmsd.com) on or before September 8, 2020 at this location, <https://www.mmsd.com/about-us/budget-financial>

MMSD customers are encouraged to provide input on the proposed budgets through the contact us section of [mmsd.com](https://www.mmsd.com), or one of the public hearings listed below.

Public Hearings Schedule

Monday, September 28th, 6:00 p.m.

District Headquarters, 260 W. Seeboth, Milwaukee

Monday, October 12th, 8:30 a.m.

District Headquarters, 260 W. Seeboth, Milwaukee

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2021 Combined Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

(Dollars in Thousands)

| | 2019 Actual | 2020 Adopted Budget | 2021 Proposed Budget | Change from 2020 Adopted Budget | % Change from 2020 Adopted |
|--|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Operations & Maintenance | | | | | |
| User Charge Billings | \$83,698 | \$86,871 | \$87,775 | \$904 | 1.0% |
| Milorganite® Sales (Net) | 11,851 | 10,400 | 11,850 | 1,450 | 13.9% |
| All Other Operating Income | 4,513 | 6,329 | 3,598 | (2,731) | -43.1% |
| User Charge Stabilization Fund Applied (or Contribution) | 0 | 2,500 | 500 | (2,000) | -80.0% |
| Equipment Replacement Fund Applied (or Contribution) | (309) | (300) | (110) | 190 | -63.3% |
| IWPP Fund Applied (or Contribution) | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Surplus Applied | 6,027 | 5,222 | 3,136 | (2,085) | -39.9% |
| Total Operations & Maintenance Funding | 105,840 | 111,022 | 106,749 | (4,273) | -3.8% |
| Capital | | | | | |
| Tax Levy | 100,101 | 101,853 | 102,873 | 1,019 | 1.0% |
| Non-member Billings | 29,992 | 28,419 | 27,686 | (733) | -2.6% |
| Federal and State Aid | 4,182 | 2,419 | 3,730 | 1,312 | 54.2% |
| State Loans | 17,202 | 49,024 | 37,437 | (11,587) | -23.6% |
| Interest and Other Income | 4,959 | 2,526 | 119 | (2,407) | -95.3% |
| District Bonds | \$0 | 80,000 | 46,000 | (34,000) | -42.5% |
| Use of (Additions to) Available Funds | 42,300 | (37,093) | 288 | 37,381 | -100.8% |
| Total Capital Funding | 198,736 | 227,148 | 218,133 | (9,014) | -4.0% |
| Total Funding | \$304,576 | \$338,170 | \$324,883 | (13,287) | -3.9% |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Operations & Maintenance | | | | | |
| Net Division Expenditures | \$87,534 | \$96,911 | \$95,059 | (1,852) | -1.9% |
| Net Fringe Benefit Expenditures | 9,942 | 11,935 | 9,597 | (2,337) | -19.6% |
| Unallocated Reserve | 0 | 2,177 | 2,093 | (84) | -3.8% |
| Total Operations & Maintenance Expenditures | \$97,475 | \$111,022 | \$106,749 | (4,273) | -3.8% |
| Capital | | | | | |
| Water Reclamation Facilities | 38,155 | 50,509 | 43,850 | (6,659) | -13.2% |
| Conveyance Facilities | 5,641 | 13,045 | 16,118 | 3,072 | 23.6% |
| Watercourse & Flood Mgmt Projects | 21,753 | 16,977 | 14,712 | (2,265) | -13.3% |
| Other Projects & Programs | 24,591 | 34,992 | 31,452 | (3,540) | -10.1% |
| Debt Service | 108,596 | 111,625 | 112,002 | 377 | 0.3% |
| Total Capital Expenditures | 198,736 | 227,148 | 218,133 | (9,014) | -4.0% |
| Total Expenditures | \$296,212 | \$338,170 | \$324,883 | (13,287) | -3.9% |

2020 estimate is as of second quarter 2020

Note, totals may not appear to add due to rounding.

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