

Capacity Improvements Planned by 2020

After 30 years of dependable service, the region must tackle challenge caused by aging infrastructure and a population that has doubled during that time. The WES wastewater treatment facilities that serve Clackamas County communities are struggling with a lack of capacity to process "solids," which are a by-product of waste from homes and businesses.

Another digester is needed to continue protecting public health, the environment, and also prevent the possibility of a state-imposed building moratorium, which could put future economic growth in the county at risk. In addition to the new digester, existing equipment will be updated, creating a more efficient treatment process.

The new digester and other improvements will be completed by 2020.

Dear Customer,

I'm writing to share an important update regarding the Solids Handling Improvement Project that affects your community.

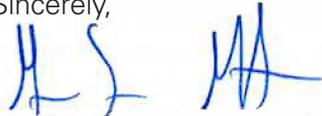
Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) engineers and technical experts worked to reduce the upfront costs of the regional solids handling project to meet the current and future needs for Tri-City Service District and Clackamas County Service District No.1 through a phased construction schedule.

A phased approach will significantly reduce initial costs and make it possible to fund the project with less impact on sewer rates in both districts.

To learn more about the Solids Handling Improvement Project and the districts' partnership, please visit clackamas.us/wes, sign up for email updates, or attend an advisory committee meeting to stay informed as the project moves closer to construction.

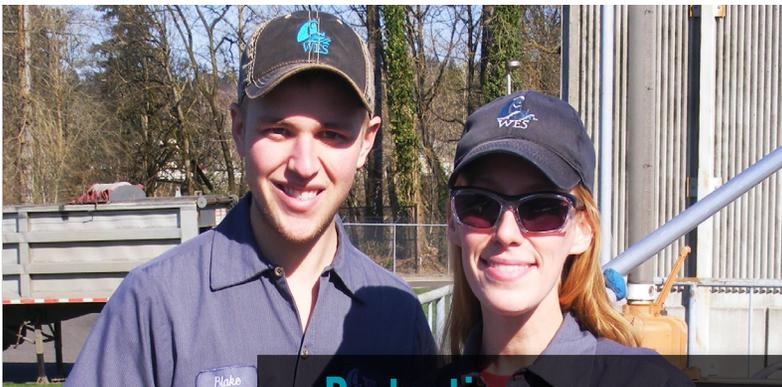
I welcome you to join the conversation!

Sincerely,



Greg Geist

WES Director



Protecting
**PUBLIC HEALTH AND
THE ENVIRONMENT**

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What We Do

- We collect and clean billions of gallons of wastewater every year!
- We turn waste into energy
- We turn "flush" into fertilizer

Who We Serve

- Over 165,000 people who live and work in the community
- Clackamas County businesses of all kinds

How to Get Involved

- Call or visit us
- Take a tour of our facilities
- Join an advisory group
- Attend a committee meeting

Communities We Serve

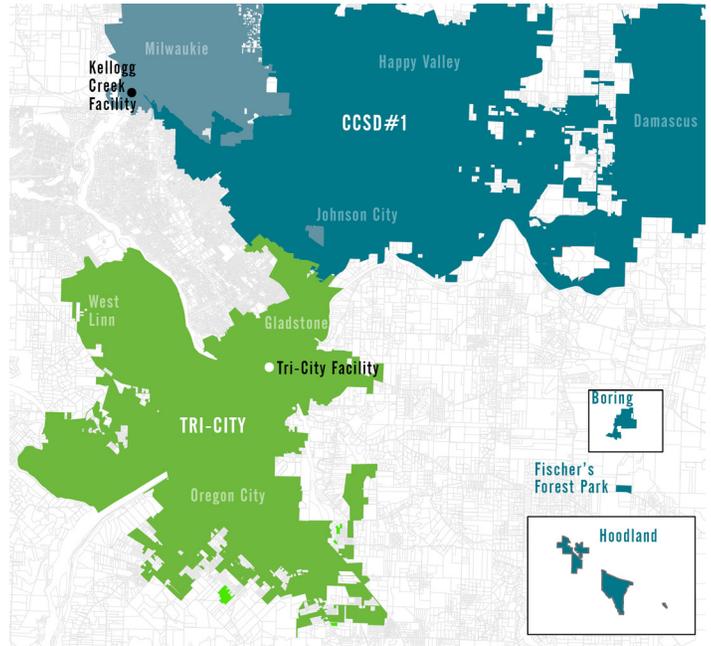
Water Environment Service (WES) manages and operates the wastewater treatment facilities that serve over 165,000 people who live and work in Gladstone, Happy Valley, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City, unincorporated Clackamas County and West Linn, in addition to the communities of Boring, Fischer's Forest Park, and the Hoodland area. This management approach has thrived for more than 30 years and has provided a high level of service and low rates for all while protecting public health and the environment, as well as ensuring a prosperous economy.

A Successful Partnership

During the 1990's, WES worked with the cities to form a regional partnership that has included sharing expenses, resources and equipment, saving ratepayers millions of dollars. This partnership reflects the industry trend of collaboration and cooperation to keep costs down.

WE SERVE YOU

Water Environment Services cleans over 6 billion gallons of wastewater every year. Most of this clean water is produced at facilities located in Oregon City and Milwaukie.



The Tri-City facility can treat 60 million gallons of water in a single day!

60,000,000 gallons

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1,360,000 bathtubs

