

Lake Michigan Water Project:
Public Hearing Regarding the Formation of Special Service Area #16

Engineering Options FAQ

Q: Is it possible to add other nearby subdivisions into this project?

A: Yes it is possible for areas outside the SSA to be annexed into the SSA. The proposed system has been designed with the flexibility to include additional properties. However, providing water to subdivisions that do not have a public water distribution system would add significant infrastructure costs that are not currently part of the project.

Q: What will be the tax impact for each property? I read one article stating a \$200,000 home would be \$516 in additional taxes.

A: The article you reference is most likely speaking about the Wauconda/Volo water project which is separate and independent of this SSA. For this project, the tax impact is approximately \$250 per year for a home with a \$200,000 market value. You can find more detail about this in the joint presentation from the open house held on April 6 at www.lakecountyil.gov/lakemichiganwater.

Q: Will existing wells be available as a backup even if we go to Lake Michigan water?

A: Yes, some of the existing wells will be kept as a back-up in the event there is a water shortage that would limit the supply from CLCJAWA. Each of the existing wells in operation would be reviewed to determine which wells should be abandoned while still being able to maintain a robust back-up supply.

Q: What are the pipes sizes going to be at our homes?

A: The pipe size will not change in your neighborhood.

Q: What will the pressure be at our faucets?

A: The pressure will be the same. Pressure is controlled by the height of the water towers.

Q: Why was there no long term planning with the last SSA?

A: There was no previous SSA for Lake Michigan Water involving Lake Villa, Lindenhurst and Lake County. We interpret your question to refer to the original formation of CLCJAWA in the mid-1980s. The officials at that time did not elect to join CLCJAWA and continued to use wells.