

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

Legal Requirements FAQ

Q: Instead of the legal notice about the SSA, why didn't you send us information about the project?

A: The notice you received in the mail was the legal notice specifically addressing the formation of Special Service Area (SSA) #16. For your convenience, all of the project materials, including all of the information from the previous Open Houses, is available at www.lakecountyil.gov/lakemichiganwater.

Q: I'm concerned about the expense of mailing of the legal notice. Why did you send it first class, and to how many people did you send this?

A: The notice you received in the mail is a legal notice required by state law and included the Public Notice, the legal description, the list of PINs and the map of the SSA. The Lake County Board is committed to communicating with residents and therefore direct mail is the best way to make sure everyone has access to the information. As required by state law, the mailings were sent first class to ensure they would be forwarded or returned to sender if undeliverable. Approximately 11,300 property owners received the mailing.

Q: How long do we have to file the petition to object to the creation of SSA #16? Does the petition have to include 51 percent of the entire area?

A: The length of the petition period is determined by law. The Special Service Area Tax Law states that a petition may be filed within 60 days following the final adjournment of the public hearing which is October 14, 2013. Such petition(s) must be signed by at least 51% of the electors residing within the entire Special Service Area and at least 51% of the owners of record of the land included within the entire Special Service Area.

Q. How do the Villages become members of CLCJAWA?

A. CLCJAWA is an independent public water agency and its Board of Directors has full discretion on allowing additional members into the agency. A unanimous vote of the board is required. Lake Villa and Lindenhurst have requested admission to the Agency and in October, 2012 CLCJAWA presented those Villages with general conditions which will lead to full membership. Membership will be considered at the time the first construction contract is awarded. Lake County is already a member of CLCJAWA.