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DeKalb, IL - June 19, 2026 – In 2016, the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District (District) began waiving sanitary sewer connection fees in response to slow single-family residential growth within its service area. At that time, the District had 266 vacant buildable single-family home lots that remained undeveloped.

Over the past ten years, that number has been reduced by nearly 70 percent. The District's Board of Trustees has determined that the waiver helped encourage residential development and has served its intended purpose.

As a result, the Board has decided to discontinue the connection fee waiver and reinstate the District's sanitary sewer connection fee policy effective January 1, 2027. The fee for a typical single-family home is currently \$2,100.

The District will continue to work with residents, builders, developers, and local government partners to support responsible growth while ensuring that new connections contribute appropriately to the cost of maintaining and expanding sanitary sewer infrastructure.