



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING

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Public Meeting to Discuss Possible Sewer Line Relocation

As we go about our daily lives, we often take for granted the infrastructure that keeps things running smoothly in our city. This includes the miles of streets, sidewalks and water and sewer pipes that are “hidden in plain sight.”

One critical sewer line is located along the Cuyahoga River from Summit Street to Fairchild Avenue. This sewer line has developed cracks, the embankment is eroding, and the structural supports are at risk of being undermined from flooding of the Cuyahoga River.

While a temporary repair was made in 2018, a permanent solution is needed. The most viable solution is to move the sewer lines away from the Cuyahoga River, which will require significant construction through downtown Kent.

A public meeting to discuss this issue will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Kent City Hall. Attendees will learn more about the existing issues and have an opportunity to provide input.

This project is in the early development stages, and community input is essential to coming up with a solution that will continue to keep the city’s water safe. The Engineering Division is also looking for residents willing to serve on a Citizens Advisory Committee to help guide the project through the design process.

Interested residents who are unable to attend the meeting and have comments to share can contact Jim Bowling, Superintendent of Engineering, at 330-678-8106 or jim.bowling@kentohio.gov.

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