

Miner Lake Sewer Survey 2025

Earlier this month the Miner Lake Property Owners Association mailed an update letter regarding the sewer project for Miner Lake.

- A copy of the letter is at minerlake.org/sewer-update-letter
- Additional details are on the website at minerlake.org/sewer

A sewer project is a complicated process. Our primary goal is to provide clear information about this topic and advocate for the best possible solution for our residents, their properties, and this incredible lake that we all share.

As noted in the previous letter, we partnered with Allegan Township to understand our options and identify an engineering firm to develop preliminary designs. Admittedly, that process took much longer than expected, mostly due to factors unrelated to our project. The renegotiation of the Township's sewer and water contract with the City of Allegan surfaced old issues and took many months to resolve. Additional delays with the engineering firm resulted in further confusion and delay.

The engineering firm developed **three preliminary options**; they are **detailed on the website**. At that time, the proposed system was *estimated to cost each household \$60,000, which did not include any grants or funding assistance from state or federal resources*.

Last fall, we asked for additional time to explore a fourth option that could provide more flexibility and potential cost savings. On Sept. 3rd, the Allegan Township Board passed two resolutions in support of our exploring request. minerlake.org/allegan-township-meeting-9-3-24-2/

With the new year and budget planning, the Allegan Township Board is curious about community support for the project. **It is vital for the Township to understand if you want them to continue their partnership**, and if they should **allocate funds to support sewer at Miner Lake**.

Please **respond to the two questions as soon as possible** so we can share the results at the **Allegan Township Meeting on March 3rd**.

Your responses on this survey are **not a vote for or against a sewer system**. It only shows your support for finalizing a proposal for a wastewater removal system design and accurate costs that include funding assistance. There will be an opportunity to formally vote on launching a project once all designs, costs and grants have been identified.

Thank you for your continued engagement as we work to find the best options for Miner Lake!

Please note: This mailing was sent in partnership with Allegan Township and used the official names and addresses on file for your tax record. It may not have the preferred name you have shared for Association mailings. If you didn't receive the prior letter, please contact us to have your address updated. A copy of the letter and contact information is at <https://minerlake.org/sewer-update-letter/>

Replacement Septic Options Without Sewer

What type of septic system do you currently have?

In-Ground System

Elevated System

Would your system pass an inspection?

How old or ideal is your system?

Yes

No

Less than 15 years old

More than 15 years old

It doesn't meet my needs

Given the age of most in-ground systems and the elevation of most lots, very few would pass.

You may be OK for another 5–10 years, at which point...

How big is your lot?

Depending on the size of your lot, size of your home, and existing structures/utilities, you may be able to choose either:
Note: The Health Department indicated almost every Miner Lake site requires significant variances.

A very large lot

A typical 60' wide lot

Elevated System

Installation Cost: approx \$35,000–\$45,000+

Payment: Due immediately and in full; cash or loans at market rates

Maintenance Costs: Pre-treatment system costs vary but can exceed \$1,000 annually

Pump & Haul

Installation Cost: approx \$12,000–\$15,000+

Payment: Due immediately and in full; cash or loans at market rates

Pumping Costs: approx \$0.30/gallon. The average American uses 50 gallons/day. That's \$15 a day/person

Example: 3 people x 50 gal x \$0.30 x 365 days = \$16,425

Estimate: ___ people x 50 gal x \$0.30 x ___ days = \$_____

Please read the enclosed letter and minerlake.org/sewer for important context and estimates.

1. Do you support Allegan Township, in partnership with the Miner Lake Property Owners Association, investigating options for a community wastewater system and potential grants/subsidies? Yes No

2. Right now, my overall feeling about sewer at Miner Lake is:

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 Strongly Opposed Opposed Neutral Support Strongly Support

Please return your survey today.

The Miner Lake Sewer Task force will present the results to the Allegan Township Board on March 3.

Providing this information is optional.

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Name _____

Lake Address _____

Parcel Number (if known) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete the other side of this survey and return it today.

The provided envelope is addressed to MLPOA President: Sam Martin, 2467 Lorraine Drive, Allegan, MI 49010