

## CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS City Council Agenda Communication

**Meeting Date**: 9-16-2024

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Agenda Item: Farm Creek Trunkline Sewer Engineering Discussion

**Discussion**: The City has had a contract with multiple firms regarding the Farm Creek trunkline sewer replacement project. Strand Associates Inc. has been the City's primary consultant and was under contract initially to perform a feasibility study and then to produce construction documents for the Farm Creek trunkline sewer replacement along their recommended Route B. This contract has been exhausted and a new contract would need to be approved in order for Strand to complete any additional work.

Strand was then contracted to perform a preliminary feasibility study for a combination of lagoons to replace the Route B project. This project is complete the contract is exhausted.

Kaskaskia Engineering was contracted to perform the land acquisition services for the Farm Creek trunkline sewer replacement along the recommended Route B. Their contract has expired and is no longer valid. We currently do not have an engineering firm with any contract fee remaining to discuss the future of this project.

Staff met with Strand after the last Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss this item. Strand feels that beginning land acquisition is just as important as the design beginning due to small adjustments to the project that may come up during negotiations that may alter plans and not designing things multiple times.

**Fiscal Impact:** Staff budgeted \$150,000 for WWTP Phase 2B engineering as well as \$50,000 to begin any land acquisition that will be needed regardless of the location of the trunkline replacement

Action Requested: City Council requested additional discussion.