



LAPORTE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER & WATER DISTRICT

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June 3, 2025

RE: HUDSON AND SAUGANY LAKES SEPTIC ELIMINATION
PROJECT UPDATE

Dear Property Owner:

The LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District (District) is pleased to announce the first phase of the Septic Elimination Project for the Hudson & Saugany Lake service area will start construction this summer. The Phase 1 project was reduced in scope to better fit the funding package available from State and Local officials to ensure the lowest monthly user rates possible for customers.

Phase 1 Project Status

This reduced scope project will include approximately 102 homes primarily located along the Saugany Lake lakefront and some adjacent side streets, including the following:

- E 800 N
- N Pottawatomie Street
- E Saugana Trail
- N 600 E
- N Huron Trail
- E Delaware Trail

The service area for this Phase 1 project is shown on the attached map.

The Phase 1 project includes the following:

- Pressure Sewer Wastewater Collection System
- Saugany Lake Pump Station- located on the northeast corner of Saugany Lake on E 800 N.
- -12" sanitary force main pipe to pump sewage from the Wastewater Pump Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at the Indiana Toll Road Travel Plaza #3
- Minor improvements at the Travel Plaza #3 Wastewater Treatment Plant

The sources of funds for the project are:

- State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan (35yr, 0%)	\$3,096,000.00
- SRF Forgivable Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)	\$5,000,000.00
- LaPorte County ARPA Grant	\$1,500,000.00
- District BAN	\$ 475,000.00
- Local Funds	\$ 347,790.00
Total Sources of Funds (Phase 1)-	\$10,418,790.00

The project is expected to begin construction in August/September of 2025 and be complete no later than December of 2026. Customer connections would then be allowed starting in early 2027. The District Administrator will send a formal letter with instructions at the time the construction project is complete with specific information and details for the customer connection process.

The District Board of Trustees has established the user rate for this first phase and this rate was adapted in a rate ordinance at the April 7, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting.

- The user rate for this project is as follows:
 - o Interim Rate- \$ 57.50/ month/ equivalent Dwelling Unit (single family residential dwelling).
 - The interim rate is estimated to start August of 2025- first payment due in September 2025.
 - o Full Rate- \$115.00/ month/ equivalent dwelling unit (single family residential dwelling)
 - The full rate will start when the construction project is complete, and the wastewater collection system is ready for use.

Please note this user rate is only for Hudson & Saugany Lake Phase 1 customers. (Those within the service area shown on the attached map).

The District has retained the services of Astbury Water Technologies to administer the billing for this project. Methods of payment can be made by check, ACH or online. Information regarding options to receive bills, ways to pay and where to mail payments will be forthcoming from Astbury Water Technologies.

Remaining Projects Status

Phase 2

The schedule for the remaining Septic Elimination projects for the balance of the Hudson & Saugany Lake service areas is dependent on the outcome of the funding commitments from the variance funding agencies.

The District is currently requesting a funding commitment for the next phase of the project (Phase 2) that could include:

- Balance of Saugany Lake service area not included in Phase 1 project.
- Portion of Hudson Lake service area - specific service area to be determined
- Hudson Lake Pump Station
- Sanitary Force Main from Hudson Lake Pump Station to Saugany Lake Pump Station
- Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion

The District is again pursuing funding through the State Revolving Fund program and also applying to the Federal Economic Development Administration program.

The District will find out more on the Phase 2 funding request in July or August of 2025, after the SRF completes the scoring of the applications. The soonest that a Phase 2 project would start construction would be starting construction in the fall of 2026 with construction completed in the summer of 2028.

Phase 3

The Phase 3 project would include the balance of the Hudson Lake Wastewater Collection System and a second expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The soonest this phase would start construction would be in the fall of 2027 with construction complete in the summer of 2029. The service area for this phase of the project is shown on the attached map.

If you have any questions concerning the Phase 1 project or the future phases, please reach out to the District Administrator (Jennifer Ransbottom- with JPR) at 574-849-0004 or attend one of the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting held at the County Complex Building, Room #3, 809 State Street, LaPorte, IN, on the 4th Tuesday of each month **at 9:00 am Central Time**. The meetings can also be accessed remotely via:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87296463245?pwd=cDdZckRZamh1aJpTk4vaWdGRmRBdz09>

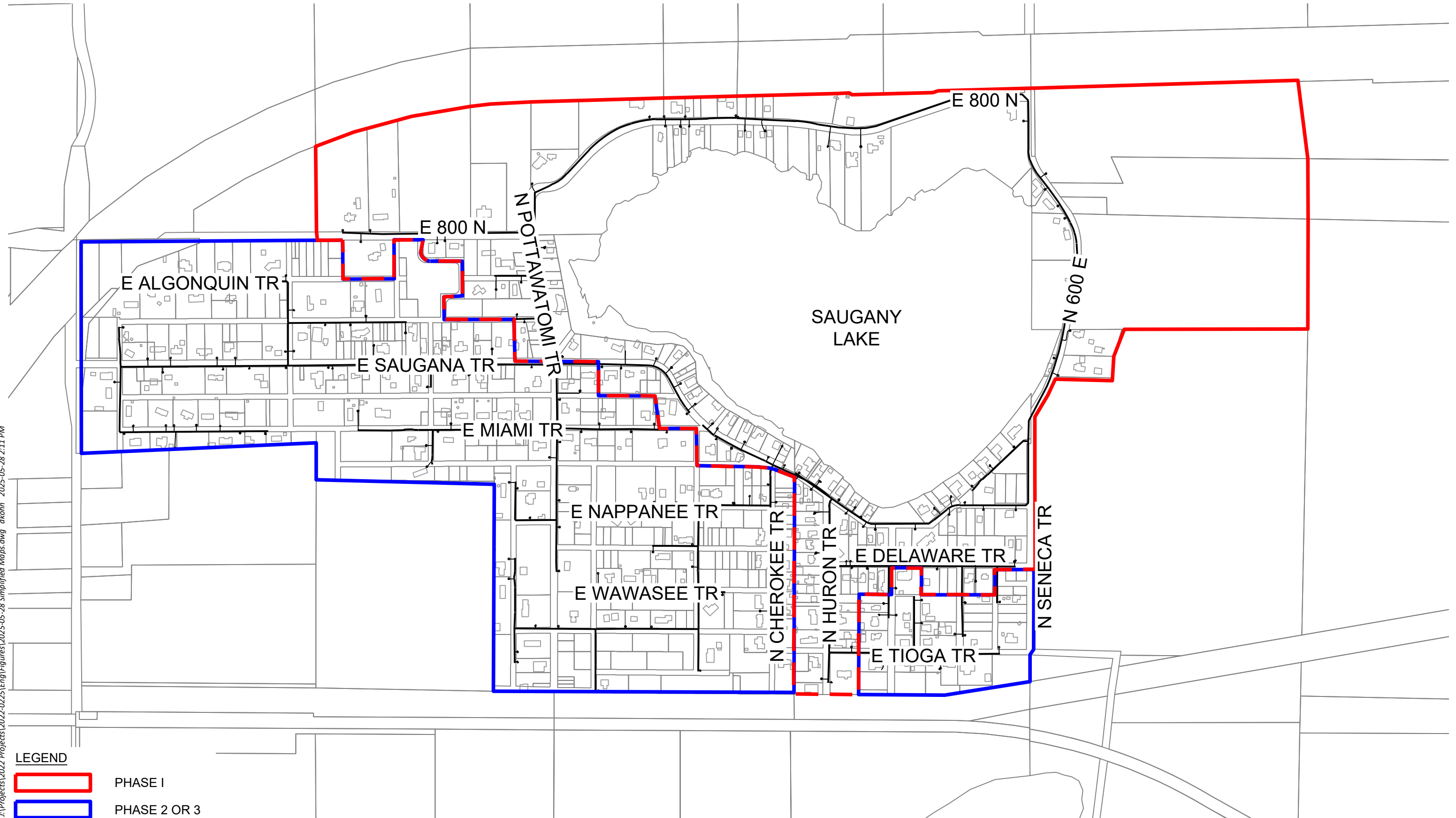
Meeting ID: 872 9646 3245 and Password: 726475

Sincerely,



John Carr, President of the Board of Trustees
LaPorte County Regional Sewer and Water District

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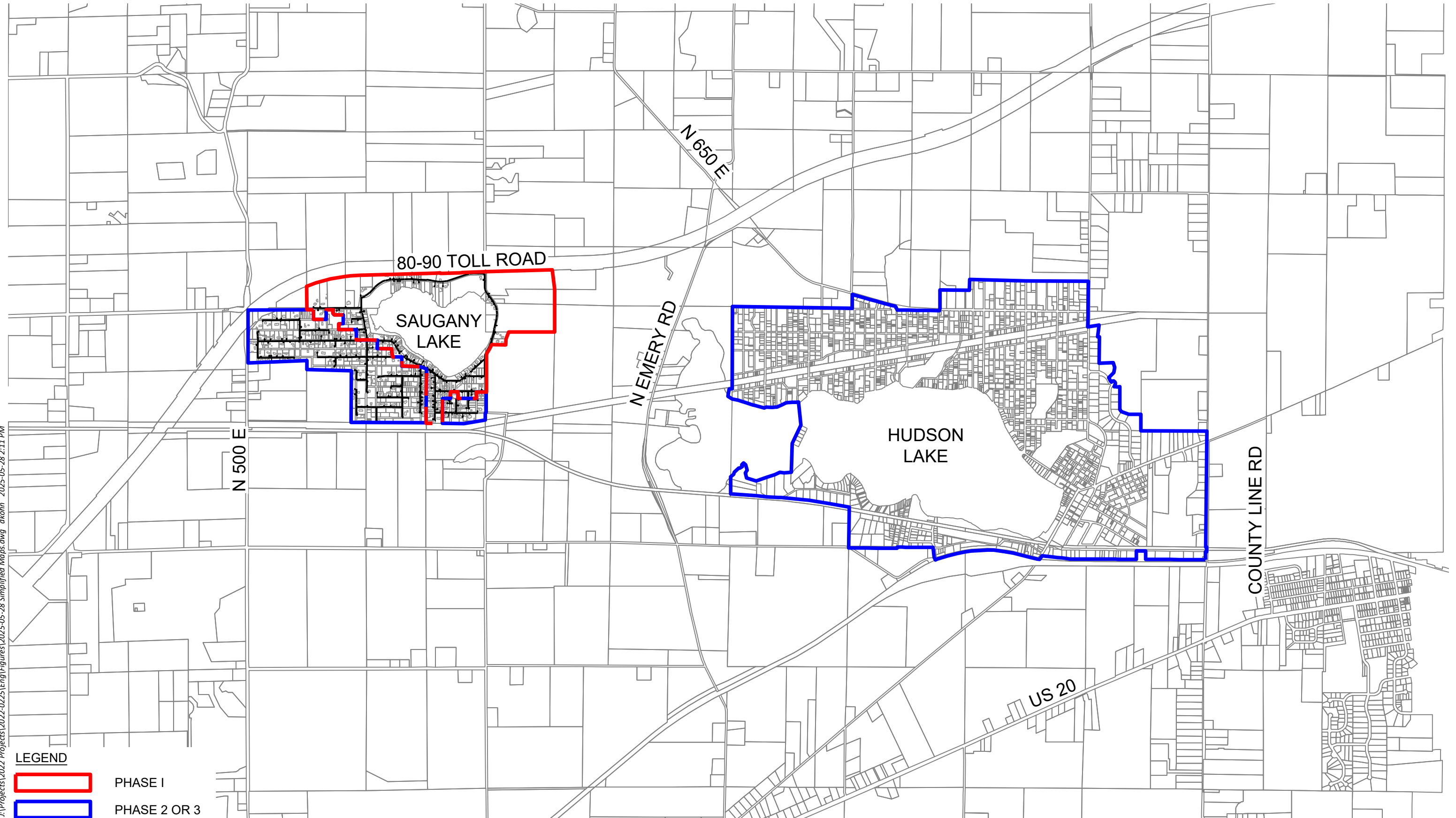
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SAUGANY LAKE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

PROPOSED PHASES

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