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TO: Town of Peru Sewer District customers

RE: Survey to assist in obtaining Grant/Loan funding

Dear Residents,

The Town of Peru is working to upgrade our sewer system infrastructure. The purpose of the proposed project is to make improvements to keep the District in compliance with Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) standards and to continue to provide you with the best services possible.

In order for our Town to make these improvements AND maintain affordable rates, we are seeking any available funding for the project. To determine if our project qualifies for Federal and State grants and loans, we are conducting a Household Characteristics Survey. The Survey results will be used to determine and document eligibility for available funding and *is necessary in the funding application process. Your cooperation is essential to the Town in applying for funding.*

The Survey is being conducted by an Independent Consultant and all information collected will be *STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL*. The survey forms will be reviewed by the consultant, who will analyze and summarize the data, and provide the results in the form of a Report. *The information collected will only be used for the purpose of applying for funding.*

In order to help protect your sewer rate structure and assist us in obtaining funding, please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed form and return it in the envelope provided. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2016. For forms not returned, residents may be visited by a representative to collect the necessary information. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions in regard to this survey please call Ms. Liz Tedford, Consultant, at (518) 573-8835.

Sincerely,

Courtney Tetrault

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Town of Peru Water & Sewer Superintendent

Town of Peru Sewer District Household Characteristics Survey

This information is necessary to support the Town's applications for State and Federal grant and loan funding for our proposed sewer water project. **The survey is confidential!** Data will be collected by Tedford Consulting and compiled into a summary report for the Village. To protect confidentiality, the first page, which contains income information, will be separated from the second page, the signature page, prior to processing. The forms will then all be shuffled and kept in confidential storage. Should you have question, or need assistance in completing the survey, you may contact Ms. Liz Tedford at (518) 573-8835.

1. Type of dwelling building: Single-Family Home _____, or Duplex _____, or Multi-Unit _____.
2. Own _____ or Rent _____.
3. Is this a seasonal residence? That is, do you physically reside at this address for less than half of each year?
Yes _____ or No _____.
4. Number of household occupants (including yourself) _____.
5. Number of household occupants that are age 62 or older _____.
6. What is the **estimated** Total Household Income from all sources for the next 12 months? (See below)

Household income is the total combined income of all household members age 15 and up, including:

Gross wages, salary, commissions, bonuses and tips; non-farm self-employment net income; farm self-employment and land rental net income; interest, dividends, profit from royalties or land rental; estate or trust fund income; social security or railroad retirement before Medicaid deductions; SSI, AFDC or other public assistance or public welfare payments; retirement, survivor or disability pensions; annuities, IRA's or KEOGH retirement plans; VA payments, unemployment compensation, child support or alimony; and all other regular payments (e.g., Armed Forces transfer payments, assistance from private charities, and regular contributions from persons not living in the household).

- 6a. **TOTAL Yearly Household Income (add up income from all sources listed above)** \$ _____
- 6b. How much of the total income in 6a is contributed by household members age 15-17? \$ _____

Date: _____

Service Location Street Address: _____

Apartment Number, if applicable: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Questions 7 through 10 are OPTIONAL:

7. Number of household occupants that are:

Hispanic or Latino _____ Not Hispanic or Latino _____.

8. Number of household occupants that are:

White _____, Black/ African American _____, Asian _____, American Indian/Alaskan Native _____, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander _____, American Indian/Alaskan Native & White _____, Asian & White _____, Black/ African American & White _____, American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/ African American _____, other Multi-Racial _____.

9. Number of household occupants that are disabled _____, or None _____.

10. Is this a female headed household? Yes _____ or No _____.

To protect the privacy of this information, please put the survey form in the pre-addressed, stamped envelope, then seal and mail. The sealed envelope will only be opened by data-processing staff at Tedford Consulting.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Your cooperation is critical to the success of our funding applications.

Tedford Consulting 2016: Survey #