

Whaanga Coast wastewater system

November 2013

Over recent years Waikato District Council and Whaanga Coast property owners have discussed the public health issues and potential environmental impact for Whaanga Coast and surrounding communities as a result of on-site wastewater disposal systems.

With support for the project confirmed we want to give you the first of our monthly updates so you, and your community, are aware of what's happening in the coming weeks.

The contractor

Hamilton based company Spartan Construction has been awarded the contract for this project with their base set up near the Raglan Wastewater Treatment Plant on Wainui Road. While Council will provide regular information to you about the overall project including the timeline, at different times Spartan Construction may need to work with you directly. If this is the case, you'll be given plenty of notice and meetings will be at a mutually agreed time.

For more information on Spartan Construction visit their website www.spartanconstruction.co.nz.

The timeline

The project is scheduled to take 18 weeks from Friday 1 November through until the end of March 2014. Work will start near the Raglan Wastewater Treatment Plant and continue along Wainui Road. We want to keep disruptions in the community to a minimum during this project so we've included a 'stop work' phase across the Christmas and New Year holiday period. All construction will stop between Friday 20 December 2013 until Sunday 12 January 2014 and the area will be returned to its original state.

The construction

Stage 1

The first stage of work involves drilling underground and installing the main pipelines. Wainui Road and Whaanga Road will remain open at all times however traffic management systems will be in place and at various times traffic may be down to one lane. Motorists are urged to take care in the area.

Stage 2

Stage two is the construction of the booster pump station which will help transport the waste to the treatment plant (late November). This is followed by the installation of pipework and pump systems to individual households who have joined the scheme and is scheduled for January 2014.

The environmental assessment

To be able to accurately measure the project's effectiveness we need to complete an environmental assessment of the residential properties who have signed up for the scheme. This will help us develop a baseline of information and better understand how the current wastewater disposal methods are impacting on the environment.

This is only a visual assessment and will not require us to enter your house but we do need access to your property.

We'd like to start these surveys from Wednesday 11 November so if there is any reason why we would need your help to enter your property; e.g. dogs on site, locked gates, please contact us on 0800 492 452 to arrange a suitable time.

The subsidy

A reminder - existing property owners who want to pay a subsidised amount of \$15,390 for their connection need to join the scheme before construction ends in March.

This cost effectively covers all on-site work including the pump chamber, pipework and electrical connection.

If you have any queries about the project, the timeline or the Council subsidy please contact our project team.

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