



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Will the town take over water and sewer services? No.**

The County Water and Sewer department is run, by state law, as a separate enterprise – as if it were a separate company. The County is not permitted to remove funds from the department, nor add funds to it. The Water and Sewer department (fund) is required to be self-sufficient, and be funded entirely through user charges – flow rates, system development fees (aka capacity fees). The water portion of the system provides water to the entire county – water from the plant on Webb’s Road is delivered to Northbrook Township.

None of those rules would change if the Town ran the Water and Sewer department, so there would be zero benefit to the Town to manage these semi-independent operations, nor can the county “force” the town to take them over. Counties, by law, don’t have that level of authority over their towns. Should the County want the Town to take over the Water and Sewer department, the Local Government Commission would likely object based on the geographical scope being largely outside of the town.

Wanting to take over water and sewer, to quote someone famous, would be “most illogical”.



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