Project Profile

Lenox Township Water System Master Plan

Lenox Township, Michigan



Lenox Township is in the early stages of growth and development. With the extension of the sanitary sewer interceptor to the eastern third of the Township and business developments along the Gratiot Avenue corridor, the Township has prompted the development of a Water System Master Plan to analyze the current and future water system demands. The master plan included revisions of the Lenox Township water service district boundaries, analysis of the additional outside service district areas, study of the existing water system, revision to the system demand based on current zoning, updates to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) supply pressures, and recommendations for the water system upgrades.

The current and ultimate system demands were calculated for each section in the Township and

the additional service districts. Population projections were based on current zoning for Lenox Township and surrounding communities. Flow demands were based on "Merritt, Standard Handbook for Civil Engineers, McGraw-Hill, 1983." These demands were used to determine whether the system met the current "10 States Standards (GLUMRB 1992)".

The system demands were evaluated using the hydraulic software WaterCAD[®] version 7 and the Hazen-Williams methodology for determining flow resistance. Steady state system performance was analyzed for average day, maximum day, and maximum hour flow. Additionally, a fire flow analysis was performed under maximum day flow conditions. Analysis of the ultimate system's performance was also completed over time by utilizing a diurnal curve, which analyzed the fluctuation of the demand over a 24-hour period. A time-based analysis assisted in the evaluation of the filling and emptying of an elevated storage tank and related booster station. The system was designed with three pressure districts to overcome the geographic challenges.

OWNER / CLIENT Lenox Township

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