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The recommendation from the sewer committee would be option 2. The sewer committee consists of Joy Schmitt, Peter Byvoets, John Kocher, Jim Mauer of Haas Engineering, Tim Haas, Karl Cender, Chris Willoughby, Michael Kuss MCSD, Jim Meyer MCSD. The recommendation was made not solely on, but due to the following:

- The current state of urgency with the rise of Lake Michigan
- SRF funding requires some guarantee of repayment and wants to know how many will be responsible at inception. Very possible that we can not get low interest funding if all on LSD don't participate.
- After the project is accepted, the project is owned and operated by MCSD. Either MCSD or the LaPorte Co Health department will have the ability to mandate others to join after that point.
- It appears unlikely that repair or replacement of existing septic systems will ever be allowed on South LSD once a sewer connection is provided.
- A stub will be installed to every residence on LSD at considerable expense and it is not equitable to make just North LSD pay for all on the south to have access
- It will increase everyone on LSD property value to have access to a sewer
- Participating in the debt repayment from the beginning will avoid any huge balloon payments when you finally do hook in which would include a 25% penalty plus however much it would have cost if you hooked in at inception.
- Survey indicated that 45% of South LSD will hook up at inception so the majority of LSD residents are already in favor.
- Option 2 would NOT require a separate legal sewer agreement be prepared for each resident opting in/out so payment could be guaranteed. This agreement would need to be recorded with each homeowner's deed and would be required with the other option.