



SHAKER HEIGHTS

Memorandum

To: Members of Safety & Public Works Committee

From: Ramona Lowery-Ferrell, Director, Public Works

cc: Mayor David E. Weiss
 Chief Administrative Officer Matt Carroll
 Christian Maier, Asst. Director of Public Works Infrastructure
 Anthony Smith, Sewer & Streets Superintendent

Date: February 5, 2026

Re: **Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works 2026 Sewer Maintenance Agreement**

Since 2012, the City of Shaker Heights has been using the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW) to augment Public Works staff related to sewer maintenance activities and capital improvements. In general, these services consisted of cleaning and inspection of laterals & mains. Public Works has also used the County to perform sewer repairs and other improvements such as installation of cured in place pipes (CIPP) liners to reduce infiltration & inflow and manhole rehabilitation. When conducting extensive sewer repairs and CIPP liners, the County also provides an engineer and inspector to ensure quality control. As depicted in the table below, Public Works use of CCDPW's has varied over the past 13 years.

YEAR	MAINTENANCE	CAPITAL	TOTAL
2012	\$260,000.00	\$0.00	\$260,000.00
2013	\$300,000.00	\$37,632.50	\$337,632.50
2014	\$592,000.00	\$0.00	\$592,000.00
2015	\$400,000.00	\$400,790.00	\$800,790.00
2016	\$400,000.00	\$749,732.00	\$1,149,732.00
2017	\$225,000.00	\$282,118.00	\$507,118.00
2018	\$95,000.00	\$1,563,189.00	\$1,658,189.00
2019	\$112,500.00	\$2,175,873.00	\$2,288,373.00
2020	\$115,000.00	\$0.00	\$115,000.00
2021	\$200,000.00	\$574,892.00	\$774,892.00
2022	\$110,164.00	\$225,000.00	\$335,164.00
2023	\$175,000.00	\$315,000.00	\$490,000.00
2024	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
2025	\$50,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$500,000.00
Total =	\$3,134,664.00	\$6,774,226.50	\$9,908,890.50

The original contract with CCDPW was renewed annually. In December 2025, the County provided a new agreement that would be effective for 2026, with the option to renew in 2027. The core services provided by the County would essentially remain the same. The new agreement would have an annual cap of \$500,000. Given the new direction of the Department to perform more sewer maintenance activities “in-house”, this amount is a reasonable. Funds would come from a combination of sewer maintenance and sewer capital. CCDPW services provides another resource the City can use for sewer maintenance and select capital improvement projects.

We are seeking support from the Safety & Public Works Committee to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for Sewer Maintenance services in the amount of \$500,000.