

Connecting to the Service Authority System



About Connecting

The Prince William County Service Authority is an independent agency funded entirely by customer rates and fees, not taxpayer funds. In order to treat its ratepayers fairly and equitably while remaining financially sustainable, the Service Authority follows a “growth pays for growth” Service Connection Policy.

As subdivisions are being developed on public water and sewer, it is developers – not the Service Authority’s existing customer base – that fund and construct the local water and sewer mains that serve residents of the development. Developers must also pay Availability Fees for each customer who connects to the system. Essentially, residents of subdivisions developed with public water and sewer service funded their portion of the necessary infrastructure and capacity in the Service Authority system when they purchased their homes.

Those who own existing homes and businesses not developed on public water and sewer did not contribute to funding construction of local water and sewer infrastructure when they purchased their homes. Additionally, they did not purchase capacity in the system through Availability Fees, which

recover the cost of capacity in the system that is allotted for each customer in major facilities, including water and wastewater treatment plants, storage tanks, transmission mains and regional sewer facilities.

Property owners in unserved areas who wish to connect to the system must fund the construction of distribution or collection lines from existing water and sewer mains to their properties*. They must also pay the applicable Availability Fees: <http://bit.ly/Availability-Fees>

Connection Assistance Options

Construction costs vary significantly based on a number of factors, including a property’s distance from existing Service Authority infrastructure, the type of construction and the number of customers who will fund the construction.

The following organizations may offer financial assistance in connecting to the Service Authority’s water and sewer system. However, the Service Authority makes no expressed or implied assertion concerning the availability of these programs.

- Project Mend-A-House (www.pmahweb.org)
- Environmental Protection Agency 319 Grants (www.epa.gov)
- Rural Development Funding (www.rurdev.usda.gov)
- Prince William County Housing and Community Development (www.pwcgov.org)
- Chesapeake Bay Implementation Grants (www.dcr.virginia.gov)
- Special Service Districts (Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-2400)

Interested in Connecting?

If you’re interested in connecting or have any additional questions, please contact:

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The Connection Policy is available online at:
<http://www.pwcsa.org/service-connection-policy>