

Village of



Germantown

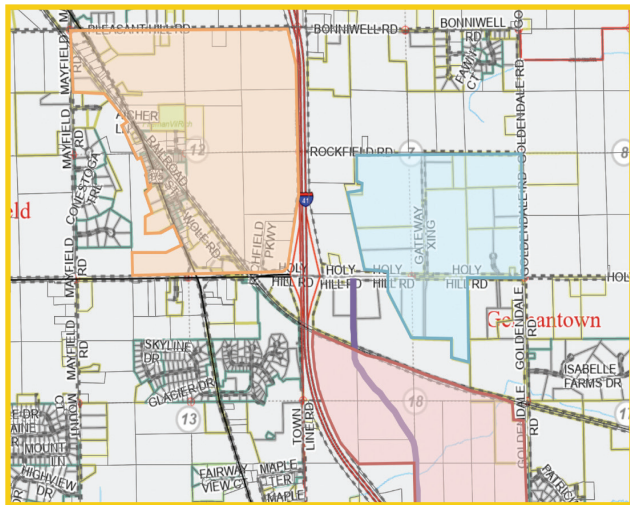
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REFERENDUM

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

The Germantown Village Board has placed a referendum question on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 election. Germantown voters will be asked whether the Village should enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with

the Village of Richfield to provide water and sanitary sewer service for a fee to customers in a portion of Richfield located between Interstate 41, Holy Hill Road, Highway 175 and Pleasant Hill Road.

Trustees could not come to consensus on this issue and deemed it important enough for all residents to decide if the Village should provide water and sewer services for a fee, on an ongoing basis, to allow the Village of Richfield to add development along the interstate corridor.



Northeast Corridor

Germantown Light Industrial Parks

Freistadt District

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

An IGA between the Villages would govern the sale and operation of services. The IGA ensures that the Village of Richfield bears all costs for the expansion of services to customers in Richfield, pays a 20% premium for sewer service and requires Richfield to construct infrastructure in accordance with Germantown specifications.

RICHFIELD SEEKING TO ATTRACT DEVELOPMENT

The Village of Richfield is seeking to attract development to the Northeast Corridor, potentially including warehousing and light industrial. Future developments would require access to municipal water and sanitary sewer service.

QUESTION ON THE BALLOT

The formal resolution that will appear on the November 8 ballot reads as follows:

Shall the Village of Germantown provide water and sanitary sewer service for a fee and on an ongoing basis to customers in a portion of the Village of Richfield pursuant to the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Richfield and the Village of Germantown?



IF A MAJORITY VOTE "YES"

A "yes" vote would result in the execution of the negotiated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) so that Germantown would provide water and sanitary sewer service for a fee and on an ongoing basis to customers in the "Northeast Corridor" of the Village of Richfield.



IF A MAJORITY VOTE "NO"

A "no" vote would mean that the negotiated Intergovernmental Agreement would not go into effect and Germantown would not provide water and sewer service to Richfield.

TERMS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

The IGA includes the following terms:



Richfield shall pay the cost of the initial installation of municipal water and sewer system improvements, including the design, construction management, obtainment of necessary approvals, and acquisition of easements necessary.



In addition, Richfield shall fund the cost of infrastructure improvements in the Village of Germantown, at an estimated investment of between \$7 and \$9 million.



Richfield shall design and construct all municipal water and sewer system improvements consistent with Germantown's developer handbook and specifications, and with the approval of Germantown's engineering department and utilities.



Richfield shall bear all costs associated with the acquisition of easements within Germantown necessary to provide service exclusively in Richfield, and Richfield shall pay 50% of land acquisition costs for any right-of-way acquired in Germantown.



Sewer rates for Richfield customers shall be set 20% higher than the rates charged to Germantown ratepayers.



Water service rates for Richfield customers shall be set at the same rate as Germantown ratepayers.

BACKGROUND STUDIES

Germantown and Richfield have commissioned studies from hydrogeologists, engineers and other experts. Those studies found:



Germantown may benefit by increasing the customer base for its water and sewer utilities by having non-Germantown property owners helping pay some of the capital costs associated with those utilities.



Germantown Sewer Utility has the capacity to serve Richfield's Northeast Corridor without any negative impacts to Germantown now or with projected future growth.



Additional compatible development planned in Richfield's Northeast Corridor may drive economic development within Germantown's Holy Hill Corridor.

VOTE NOVEMBER 8

IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING AT THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE:

Oct. 25–Oct. 28 from 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Oct. 31–Nov. 3 from 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Nov. 4 from 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

Deadline to submit application for mailed absentee ballot: November 3, 5:00 p.m.

ON ELECTION DAY:

Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wisconsin voters are required to show an acceptable photo ID in order to vote.



Additional voting information can be found on the Village's website at germantownwi.gov or myvote.wi.gov.