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Deputy Director

February 8, 2019

RE: Willingness Survey
Innerarity Island Septic to Sewer

Dear Property Owner:

Please accept this letter requesting your willingness to convert your private septic system to a private grinder pump station that will connect to a newly constructed Low-Pressure Sewer System.

Escambia County currently owns and maintains the public sewer system on Innerarity Island. Records indicate your home has a private septic system. Escambia County is currently working with the Emerald Coast Utility Authority (ECUA) to design and construct a Low-Pressure Sewer System to serve the vast majority of Innerarity Island, including your property.

We are offering this opportunity to transfer from your existing septic system to this new Low-Pressure Sewer System at considerable long-term savings. If you choose to participate now, you can avoid some out-of-pocket expenses. As a part of this project, the County will arrange for a contractor/plumber to properly abandon your existing septic tank, install a new grinder pump, and connect to the new low-pressure sewer line.

Unlike a gravity connection, a small private pump would be located on your property to pump wastewater into the low-pressure transmission system. Wastewater from your property would flow to an ECUA Lift Station located on the Island for further transmission to ECUA's wastewater treatment facility.

If you decide not to transfer over to the low-pressure system at this time, you can remain on your septic system until you apply for a future permit or until your septic tank needs service. At that time, the Health Department may require you to transfer to the low-pressure system. If so, you would then be required to purchase a grinder pump, hire a plumber to install and connect to the system, and pay any sewer tap or connection fee to ECUA as required.

Our consultant is currently working through the 60% Design Plans and comments/markups and expect to have final plans in April 2019. Please let us know if you are willing to participate and we will include the septic to sewer details for your property in the construction plans.

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You can reply with a “yes, I would like to transfer ” or “no, I do not want to transfer and I understand the cost implications.” Please reply in one of four ways by February 28th:

1. Visit our Website Survey at myescambia.com/InnerarityIslandSewer or visit the main page at www.myescambia.com and search Innerarity Island Sewer and respond to the survey; or
2. Email wceacret@myescambia.com – put “Innerarity Island Sewer Septic to Sewer Transition Response” in the Subject Line and include your name and address in the body of the email; or
3. Call Wendy Eacret at (850) 595-3420 – Please leave a message with your name, address, and response.
4. Attend the Innerarity Island Community Meeting located at the Perdido Bay United Methodist Church, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, Florida 32507 on February 28th at 6:00 p.m. and respond in person.

The County anticipates releasing this project for bid in May 2019 and construction being completed in July 2020.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to call me at (850) 595-3433. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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