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### City of St. Charles to Celebrate New Riverside Lift Station Opening with Ribbon Cutting Sept. 16

- WHAT:** The City of St. Charles is marking the completion of the new Riverside Lift Station with a ribbon cutting. A lift station is a pumping station that moves wastewater from a lower elevation to a higher elevation and is an important for efficient wastewater management. As part of the project, the public area around the Lift Station, including the space around the Jones Law Office, also was improved.
- WHEN:** 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16, 2024
- WHERE:** City of St. Charles Riverside Lift Station (parking available on-site)  
Riverside Avenue (IL Rt. 25) & Devereaux Way  
St. Charles, IL 60174
- WHY:** The new lift station replaces the former facility, with some portions built in the early 1920s. The new lift station has increased pumping capability, pumping 35M gallons of wastewater per day.
- EVENT OUTLINE:** After a brief ceremony outside, guided tours of the facility will be available.
- PARKING:** Parking is available on Deveroux Way and at the nearby Public Works facility.

#### ***About the City of St. Charles***

The City of St. Charles, Illinois, is guided by the three driving principles in its Mission: *Service. Tradition. Community.* Together, these principles create a thriving environment for people who live or visit here, and for businesses to prosper. Our City has gained national recognition as a family-friendly town and wide acclaim for its architecture, living up to its nickname *Pride of the Fox*. Conveniently located 35 miles west of Chicago, in Kane and northwestern DuPage counties, St. Charles is home to 33,000 residents and a balanced mix of more than 2,000 businesses that employ approximately 28,700 people. More at [stcharlesil.gov](http://stcharlesil.gov), and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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## Riverside Lift Station Fact Sheet

- A lift station is a pumping station that moves wastewater from a lower elevation to a higher elevation.
- Lift stations are important for several reasons, including:
  - Efficient wastewater management
  - Preventing flooding and backups
  - Reducing the risk of system failures
  - Supporting urban development and infrastructure expansion
  - Preventing health hazards associated with untreated sewage

### PROJECT DETAILS

- The \$14.8M project was funded by the IEPA Low-Interest Loan Program.
- The project launched June 22, 2022, and was completed Spring 2024. The new lift station replaces the former station along the Fox River that had parts dating back to the early 1920s.  
Design: Trotter Associates  
Construction: Whittaker Construction & Excavating, Inc.
- The new lift station includes a new dual wet well concrete structure, with the capacity to pump 35 million gallons per day. This is an increase of 15.3M gallons per day.
- The lift station is integrated into the existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system. A new emergency, back-up generator, as well as a new odor control system also has been installed.

### NEW LIFT STATION REPLACED AN AGING FACILITY

- The new lift station replaced the former station originally located across the street along the Fox River. The original station was built on top of an old wastewater treatment plant, with some parts of the plant, including its underground tanks, built in the early 1920s.

### PUBLIC AREA ADDITIONS

- As part of the project, the area around the lift station was improved. The historic Jones Law Office sits adjacent to the site. New amenities were added including public restrooms, sitting areas, and walking paths.