

Proposed Water & Sewer User Charges

The Tuscarawas County Metropolitan Sewer District is dedicated to providing safe, reliable, and efficient water and sewer services to the residents of Tuscarawas County. Our mission is to protect public health and the environment through effective management of water resources.

Introduction

The Tuscarawas County Metropolitan Sewer District (TCMSD) has announced a proposed adjustment to water and sewer rates for the year 2025. This recommendation follows a comprehensive evaluation conducted by Waterworth, a leading firm in utility rate analysis. The proposed rate adjustment was presented by TCMSD and Waterworth at the Commissioner's meeting on December 9, 2024. The evaluation highlighted the need for adjustments to address rising operational costs, infrastructure maintenance, and future capital improvement projects.

Key Points

Water Rates: A typical water bill, based on an average usage of 4,500 gallons per month, will be approximately \$49.53.

Sewer Rates: A typical sewer bill will be \$46.89 per month, based on an average usage of 4,500 gallons per month.

These rates are competitive when compared to other systems in Ohio. According to the Ohio EPA's 2022 rate survey, projected to 2025, the average monthly water bill is estimated to be around \$42.00 and the average monthly sewer bill around \$53.50.



Affordability Comparison

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggests that water and sewer costs should not exceed 4.5% of a household's income to be considered affordable. Based on the median household income (MHI) for Tuscarawas County, which is \$60,604, the combined monthly water and sewer bill of \$96.42 represents about 1.9% of the MHI. This is well within the affordability threshold.

For households at the poverty level, the affordability of these rates is also a consideration. The proposed rates aim to balance the need for sustainable infrastructure funding with the economic realities faced by customers.

For more information, please visit our website at www.tcmsd.org or contact our office at (330) 874-3262.

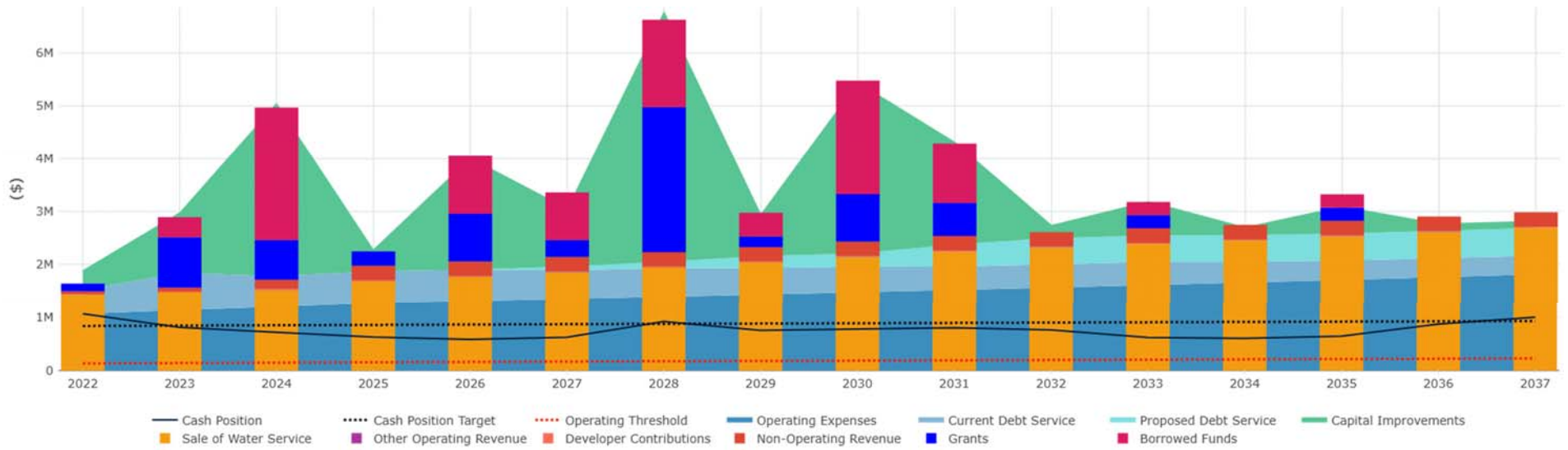


Figure 1 - Water Financial Model through 2037

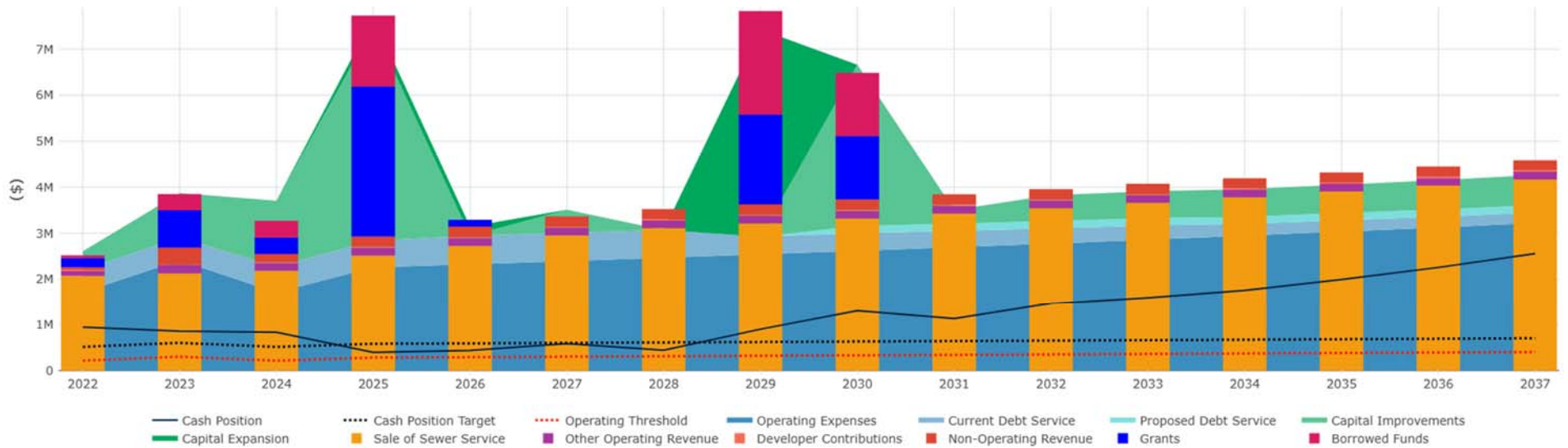


Figure 2 - Sewer Financial Model through 2037