Clean Water Services and the Member Cities own and maintain the public storm and sanitary conveyance and treatment systems in the urbanized portion of the Tualatin River Watershed. Annexation to CWS is required of any property that will connect to this public system for urban services, including:

- Connection of a private lateral pipe to a public conveyance or treatment system;
- Extension of the public conveyance system for private connection, as a result of development;
- Addition of impervious surface which causes surface water to flow to the public stormwater system, which includes conveyance pipes, roadside ditch, curb and gutter, swale, etc.
Are there any exceptions?
Yes. Annexation to CWS is not required when construction of public storm and sanitary infrastructure takes place on or across properties outside District boundaries, and there is no private connection to infrastructure.

Example: A sanitary forcemain conveying flows from one urban area to another across rural reserve farmland with no private rural connection. However, if future connection is planned, annexation will be required with permits at the time of connection.

Does annexation to CWS ever trigger annexation to a City?
Yes. If a property outside of a City plans to connect to a City owned storm or sanitary sewer, confirmation of Service Availability must be provided by the City. This often results in a requirement for the property to annex to the City as well as to CWS.

What areas are served?
- The cities of Banks, Beaverton, Cornelius, Durham, Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro, King City, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin
- Large portions of unincorporated Washington County
- Small portions of Portland, Lake Oswego, Multnomah County, and Clackamas County.

Contact us if you are close to a jurisdictional boundary, and are unsure whether the property will be served by CWS.

How does annexation fit into the CWS permit process and timeline?
At any point during or after annexation, CWS can:
- Issue a Service Provider Letter
- Accept permit applications
- Review plans

After annexation is approved:
- CWS can issue permits
- Construction can begin

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