

## **Background**

Up until the 1950's many houses had water service lines from the water main to the house made of lead. The EPA and DNR have a program to assist residential owners, schools and licensed day care facilities to replace these lead water service lines. There is no water quality issue with lead water service lines in Platteville, but we want to ensure these owners have the opportunity to receive a partial rebate of the cost to replace those lines.

## **How do I know I have a lead water service line?**

1. If the City knows your property has a lead water service line, it is on the Platteville Places GIS. <http://107.21.109.219/apps/plattevilleplacespublic/> In the layers box, click on Lead Service Lines.
2. If your property is not listed and you think you may have a Lead Service Line, check where the water line comes into your building. Check the water line between the wall/floor and the water meter. If it is a dull gray metal, scratch it lightly with something. If it still has the dull gray color, it is probably lead. If you check and it is probably lead, but your property is not on the map, then please contact Irv Lupee (608-778-4701) to schedule a time for him to verify your initial conclusion. If it is, then we will place it on our map.

## **If I have a lead water service line, how much assistance am I eligible for?**

The City will reimburse \$1,140 per property, but no more than the actual cost of replacement on private property. Certain items are not eligible, such as restoration of a finished basement or hard surface replacement (driveway, sidewalk, etc.), or bushes/trees/flower gardens. The cost of sealing the floor or wall penetration is covered. The cost of lawn restoration is covered. Costs for items not covered, and any costs above the \$1,140, are the responsibility of the home owner.

## **If I have a lead water service line, how do I apply for assistance?**

On the website is a list of Pre-qualified plumbers and a Fund Reservation Form (link). Click on the link, print out the form. Contact one or more plumbers on the Pre-qualified list for a quote. Choose the plumber you wish to use. Attach the quote to the Fund Reservation Form and submit it to the City. If you wish to scan & send it in as an email attachment, send to [crofooth@platteville.org](mailto:crofooth@platteville.org)

## **I applied for assistance with the Fund Reservation Form, what's next?**

The City of Platteville will receive the forms and reserve funding on a first-come, first served basis. You will be notified regardless of whether you have been approved for funding or not.

## **If I have been approved, what do I do next?**

Once you are approved for funding, please coordinate with your chosen plumber to schedule when the work is to be done. The plumber should also coordinate with Irv Lupee (608-778-4701) to determine if work needs to be done to replace the public portion of the lead water service line. The City is responsible for funding replacement of the line from the water main to the curb stop shut off valve. We want to ensure both sections are done the same time, if possible. Once the plumber is done and if the City needed to do its portion, that this section is also complete, the plumber will send you the invoice.

**If I am not approved, what can I do?**

You will be placed on the waiting list in the order received. If other replacement projects result in costs lower than initially budgeted, the City will offer the additional funding to those on the waiting list in order. The City has requested additional grant funding for next year. The City will not know if it is awarded the grant funding until July or August 2017. If the City receives the additional grant funding, the properties on the waiting list will be the first ones funded. We will open another round of funding if all properties on the waiting list have been reserved and more money is available.

**I have a commercial building, am I eligible for this funding?**

Only if you have residential apartments in the same building as the commercial unit. An example is a building in the Downtown with a store on the first floor and apartments above. Those properties are eligible.

**Is a Church eligible?**

Only if the property is housing for the pastor/pastor's family. The church building or other facilities are not eligible. The only exception is if the facility is also a licensed day care facility.

**What about a day care facility?**

If the property is a day care facility licensed by the State of Wisconsin on the Department of Public Instruction website <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cclicensing/lcc-directories> then it is eligible for additional funding above the \$1,140.