

On Wednesday, September 8th the Building Committee had a very positive meeting with the civil engineer working on the site plans (Bob Morgan).

The engineer presented his drawings for the site work needed for the new Fellowship Hall to be located next to the Sanctuary. He was confident that it could be done and would accomplish what we want, and that it would not be difficult to get county approval. The work to prepare the site for the building appears to be straightforward, and rough/initial estimates of the costs are within the amounts we expected (so far).

On Tuesday, September 14th, the site work drawings were submitted to the county with a permit application. The county takes 1 to 2 months to complete its review/evaluation but provides some initial feedback within 15 days. This is not a commitment to build the building, but we can't build the building without the site plan permit (nor get estimates for the actual site work that would need to be done).

What site work has to be done, you ask? Well, a lift station has to be removed and replaced. A lift station "is a pumping station that moves wastewater from a lower elevation to a higher elevation." The church has one just to the west of the Sanctuary's air conditioning units—right where the new building is going. So, most of the site work will involve removing the current lift station (it's not up to code 😞), installing a new lift station, and then connecting the buildings to it.

For those who want more detail, below is the diagram of the new lift station taken from the plans that the county is now reviewing.

Please contact any of the folks on the Building Committee with your ideas, comments, concerns, and encouragement – and pray for them and for the Lord's guidance.

