

## Public Notice

To the residents and sewer customers of Georgetown Township, the City of Hudsonville, and Jamestown Township:

Your communities' sanitary sewer trunk system, known as the Rush Creek Sewage Disposal System, transports sanitary sewage from customers in Georgetown Township, the City of Hudsonville, and Jamestown Township to the Grandville Wastewater Treatment Plant. As you have heard in the news, there have been two very significant storm events that have caused this system to exceed its capacity and flood some basements.

The historic rain event of mid-September 2008 and the snowmelt and rainfall event of late December 2008 inundated portions of the sewer system with storm water to the extent that the system's pipes and pumps were not able to handle the volume of storm water and sewer flow.

Officials and operators from the Townships, the City, and the County have been meeting to evaluate the problems and implement solutions. Officials want to emphasize, however, that the primary problem is storm water entering the sanitary sewer system, and that the ultimate solution will require preventing storm water intrusion into the sanitary system.

The construction of a new trunk sewer from the northeast area of Hudsonville to downstream larger sewers will address the sanitary sewer capacity matter. This project has been authorized, and design and permitting is underway. However, it may be 1½ years until construction is completed.

The system operators are working diligently to address the problem of storm water entering the system. Locating and repairing leaks, smoke testing and television inspection of the sewer lines for leaks and unusual flows, coordinating pump station operations, and monitoring water levels in the system are ongoing efforts.

Officials are evaluating the idea of a community "alert" in the event of another major rainstorm until corrective actions are completed. During such an "alert" residents would be asked to avoid running dishwashers or wash machines, and delay baths or long showers until the peak effect of the rain event is over. Public Works Department operators will be conducting inspections and advising home owners of corrective action for any rain water connections to the sanitary sewer.

Please contact your City or Township office or the Public Works Department if you have any questions. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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