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Dear Springfield Resident,

In 2016 the City of Springfield was awarded **Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW)** grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$1,138,266.00. Part of these funds will be used to clean and televise the City's storm and sewer lines. The maintenance of these lines is vital to ensure Springfield's sewer system is working properly. Poorly maintained storm and sewer lines can result in sewer backups, manhole overflow, exposure to raw sewage, standing water on road ways and regulatory fines. To this end, over the next twelve months you may notice contractors working in your neighborhood completing the tasks described above. The engineering firm Fleis & Vandenbrink will be supervising the work.

During the sewer line cleaning process, a jet rodder is used to push debris through the lines to manholes for proper disposal. This can create a vacuum which may affect the water in toilets, basement drains and / or sinks by sucking water out or pushing it up. This is a rare occurrence which may affect up to 3% of homes. Homes with little or no stack ventilation or homes with vents clogged by bird nests, leaves or ice are more likely to experience the issues described above.

Keeping toilet lids closed and covering traps and sinks with a towel can help alleviate any issues. Once the cleaning of your street's sewer line is done work could still occur in your neighborhood but televising and storm water maintenance should not affect your connection to the sewer system.

If you have any questions regarding the cleaning process or how it will affect you, please feel free to contact the department of Public Services at (269) 441-9277.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this necessary process.