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Fostoria Sewer Customers

Dear Customer:

The City of Fostoria has approximately 68 miles of combined and separate sanitary sewers within the sewer service area. Approximately 69 percent of the sewers are combined sewers which serve as both sanitary and storm sewers. The remaining 31 percent of sewers are separate sanitary sewers which are intended for sanitary flow only. The City of Fostoria has been working to reduce or eliminate Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) and sewer backups by implementing a Long-Term Control Plan which requires improvements to the sewer system and the wastewater treatment plant. The implementation of this plan is required by the USEPA. As part of this effort the City is tracking CSOs and sewer backups. We are requesting that customers report instances of sewer backups and water in basements to the City. Documentation of these events will assist the City in characterizing areas within the system and will also be an indication of the level of success of improvement projects and maintenance activities that are being completed. If you experience either of these situations, please contact the wastewater treatment plant by phone at (419) 436-7328 and leave a message or by email at wwtp@fostoriaohio.gov.

Customers may also assist in these efforts by removing downspout, footer drain and sump pump connections from the combined and sanitary sewers. These are considered clean water connections and are prohibited. Check valves may also be installed by a property owner to minimize the potential for basement backups. Information on these topics may be found on the City's website at www.FostoriaOhio.gov in the Departments Tab under Waste Water Treatment. A water in basement/sewer backup documentation form is also available on the website. The City of Fostoria sincerely appreciates the support of the community in assisting with the ongoing improvements to the City's sewer system.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Keckler
Mayor – City of Fostoria