

# **CITY OF FORT WAYNE CITY UTILITIES**

## 7600 St. Joe Road

# **Septic Elimination Project Overview**

City Utilities is working to eliminate failing septic systems in the city, by making connections to the public sanitary sewer system available for these properties.

#### The Problem

Septic systems have a limited life and eventually fail. In addition, the soil types in Allen County are poor for septic waste absorption. As a result, human waste leaches into groundwater, backyards and neighborhood ditches and streams. Failing septic systems are linked to unsafe levels of *E. coli* in many neighborhood streams and ditches.

#### The Solution

To address health hazards in our neighborhoods, the Septic Elimination Program (SEP) was implemented to convert many neighborhoods on septic systems to public sanitary sewer service. Neighborhoods with higher septic system failure rates are the priority of our program.

This project will bring sewers to approximately 3 homes by July 2012. This will address approximately 1% of the 500 homes still on septic systems in Fort Wayne.

Approximately 3 properties are part of the 7600 St. Joe Road project. This project will include abandoning 30 LF of existing 8" santiary sewer pipe and beginning at an existing Manhole T46083 located 1- feet North and 20 feet West of the Southeast corner of 7544 St. Joe Road; thence East, within a proposed 14 foot sanitary sewer easement, 270 LF of 8" PVC SDR 35 pipe to Manhole 1 and terminating said Santiary Sewer Main. Said sewer to include 270 LF of 8" PVC SDR 35 pipe; 1 (one) Manhole.

### **Project Status**

**Project Status:** Completed

Construction Period: Completed
Estimated Project Costs: \$15,665

Approximate # of Properties in the Project: 3

Cost per Property: \$5,222

### **Project Benefits:**

- Improved quality of life; worry free use of home facilities
- Reduced maintenance worries
- Improved environmental and health conditions for homes and neighborhoods
- Greater protection for well water, streams and drainage ditches
- Homes possibly become more marketable

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Project Schedules And Costs May Be Subject To Change.