



CITY OF FORT WAYNE CITY UTILITIES

Mars Street

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.

Approximately 17 properties are part of the Mars Street project. This project will include approximately 1,470 lineal feet of 8-inch pipe, 7 manholes to serve 17 properties with septic systems.

Project Status

Project Status: Completed

Construction Period: Completed

Estimated Project Costs: \$128,726

Approximate # of Properties in the Project: 17

Cost per Property: \$7,572

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.