



Dear Resident,

The City of Wadsworth is going to begin a sewer investigation project in your area in the following weeks. The overall objective of this project is to remove storm water sources from the sanitary sewer system. As part of this project, smoke and dye testing will occur in the public right-of-way and on private property near your street and home. You do not need to be home during testing.

The purpose of the project is to identify areas of the sewer system which may need correction or repair. The investigation will be conducted in phases over several months.

**Smoke Testing-**

The first step of this project will include smoke testing. Smoke testing introduces smoke into the sanitary sewer system to help locate sources of stormwater entering the sanitary sewer. Smoke testing crews will be in your neighborhood and notify you with a flyer on your door prior to the testing. All smoke and dye materials are non-toxic to humans and pets. Smoke should not enter your home; however, if it does this could be an indication of a defect in your plumbing system or dried up drain traps.

**Dye Testing-**

A few weeks after smoke testing is complete, field crews will perform dye testing. Dye testing consists of adding dyed water to points identified during the smoke test. These include catch basins, street cracks, downspouts, cleanouts, and area drains found on both public and private property. If testing will occur on your property, you will be notified with a flyer prior to the testing.

You may see the City's consultant AECOM field staff working in and around manholes and catch basins throughout the study area conducting testing and inspection of the storm sewer system. All field staff will be wearing green safety vests and vehicles with AECOM logos on them.

In a project of this type and size, some inconveniences may occur: however, the City will make every effort to minimize the impact to you or your property during the field testing and inspection. If you have any questions, please call Scott Belz, Field Operations Manager for AECOM at 216-622-2345.

Sincerely,

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