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Dear Groundwater Protection Interested Party,

City Utilities has developed and is implementing a Wellhead Protection Plan (WHPP) to help protect groundwater quality in the area around the Honeysuckle drinking water system in northeast Allen County. Because you have an interest in the area or because you are associated with an organization that can help protect ground water quality, we are pleased to invite you to the upcoming meeting of the Local Planning Team for Honeysuckle wellhead protection. The Team, led by City Utilities staff members, is responsible for implementing best management practices to protect the Honeysuckle wells, identifying and monitoring potential sources of drinking water contamination in the wellhead protection area and educating customers, landowners, and leaseholders in the area.

The next meeting of the *Local Planning Team is scheduled for 5:30 PM on August 7th at the Honeysuckle Water Treatment Plant.*  The plant is located at 16811 Twin Fawn Trail, west of State Road 1 between Leo-Cedarville and Spencerville in Allen County. Following the meeting, City Utilities will host our *annual open house at the same location beginning at 6:00 PM on August 7th.* The event is open to the public and we hope you will attend and encourage your friends and neighbors to join us to learn more about wellhead protection and enjoy light refreshments. City Utilities staff members will be available to greet you and answer any questions you may have.

For your information I have enclosed educational material that is being sent to customers of the Honeysuckle subdivision and property owners, leaseholders and businesses in the wellhead protection area. It includes information about possible sources of groundwater contamination and how everyone in the wellhead protection area can help reduce the risks. Some examples include properly handling and storing pesticides and chemicals, helping to keep stormwater runoff clean by picking up after your pets, promptly reporting any hazardous chemical spills and providing City Utilities with notice of any changes in land use that could threaten ground water quality.

Fort Wayne City Utilities is committed to providing customers with the highest possible quality water at a reasonable price while protecting public health and the environment. If you have any questions or need assistance from City Utilities with identification or management of any potential sources of groundwater contamination, please call the Citizen Services Center by dialing 311 or (260) 427-8311.

Sincerely,

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