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 6 homes by June 2014. This will address approximately 1% of the 500 homes still on septic systems in Fort Wayne.

Six (6) properties are part of the 3700-3900 St. Joe Center Road project. This project will include the installation of approximately 500 lineal feet of 8" gravity sanitary sewer main in drainage easement of the Auer Blessing Drain for a septic elimination project for City of Fort Wayne. Two homes in the 3700-3900 Block of St. Joe Center Road and Four homes on Brookwood Drive.

Project Status

Project Status: In Design

Construction Period: April 2014

Estimated Project Costs: $71,414

Approximate # of Properties in the Project: 6

Cost per Property: $11,902 (preliminary)

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

SEP Information: 260-427-5064

Department of Health: 260-449-7561

Project Schedules And Costs May Be Subject To Change.