



CITY OF FORT WAYNE CITY UTILITIES

Hazelhurst Drive - Laura Lane Septic Elimination Project (SEP)

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 51 homes by April 2013. This will address approximately 10% of the 500 homes still on septic systems in Fort Wayne.

Approximately 51 properties are part of the Hazelhurst Drive - Laura Lane project. This project will include properties located on Hazelhurst Drive and Laura Lane between South Bend Drive and Taylor Street. This residential area is currently utilizing private septic tanks. The intent of the project is to provide public sanitary sewer service via gravity and low pressure grinder pump stations where necessary. There will be approximately 3000 LF of 2" HDPE, 1500 LF of 8" PVC gravity and 1100 LF of 15" PVC gravity installed as part of this project. There will be 35 grinder pump stations.

Project Status

Project Status: Connection to Sewer

Construction Period: Completed

Estimated Project Costs: \$576,198

Approximate # of Properties in the Project: 51

Cost per Property: \$11,298

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.