



# CITY OF FORT WAYNE CITY UTILITIES

## Westlawn Addition 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.

This project will bring sewers to approximately 186 homes by December 2011. This will address approximately 37% of the 500 homes still on septic systems in Fort Wayne.

Approximately 186 properties are part of the Westlawn Addition project. This project will include construction of a lift station and approximately 1,250 LF of 4-inch force main, 4,550 LF of 8-inch gravity sanitary sewer main and 187 6-inch sanitary sewer laterals, with appurtenances to serve 186 residential properties in the Westlawn Addition, Sections A, B C, D and E-F located in western Fort Wayne.

### Project Status

**Project Status:** Connection to Sewer

**Construction Period:** Completed

**Estimated Project Costs:** \$2,594,700

**Approximate # of Properties in the Project:** 186

**Cost per Property:** \$13,950

### 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.