

Huffman-Putnam Sewer Separation

Project Fact Sheet



August 2018

Project Goals

1. Reduce the number of times per year that combined sewer outfalls release sewage to the St. Marys River by constructing new storm sewers in the Bloomingdale and Hamilton Neighborhoods. Existing stormwater inlets will be removed from the combined sewer system and connected to the new storm sewers, thereby reducing the amount of combined sewage;
2. Reduce pollutants that are discharged to the St. Marys River when combined sewers fill with stormwater;
3. Reduce the likelihood of basement backups;
4. Reduce street flooding;
5. Meet compliance deadlines set by the federal government.

Project Description

This project is part of Fort Wayne's 2008 agreement with the federal government to reduce the release of combined sewage from the combined sewer system. The first phase of the project will involve the construction of new storm sewers along Huffman Street from Oakland Street to Wells Street, Wells Street from Huffman to Sixth Street, and along Sixth Street from Wells to a half block east of Harrison. The project will then proceed south in the alley between Harrison Street and Calhoun Street, will turn east on Fourth Street to Calhoun Street, then south on Calhoun Street to the River. The second phase will extend to Hamilton Park, removing all storm water that is currently stored in the park and discharges to the combined sewer.

Inlets and catch basins that collect stormwater will be disconnected from the combined sewers and rerouted to the new storm sewer. This will reduce flow in the combined sewer system so that overflows and backups that occur during heavy rains will be reduced. The existing storm sewer outlet at the river will be modified to allow the stormwater collected by the new inlets and pipes to be discharged to the river during normal river elevation. The stormwater collected by this system will no longer go to the Third Street Pump Station except during extreme river flooding events.

Project Time Line

Spring 2018 – Design Complete, Project Bidding, Contract Awarded

August 2018 – Construction Begins

Spring 2019 – Final Completion

Project Estimated Cost

Design and construction \$5,700,000

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