

TRACIE DAVIES
Director

September 1, 2016

Dear Resident and/or Homeowner:

Blueprint Columbus is the City of Columbus' new approach to resolving sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and basement back-ups caused by heavy rain events. During times of heavy rain, storm water can enter sanitary sewers, which are not designed to handle large amounts of rain water. During some large rain events, the sanitary sewers become too full, causing them to overflow into rivers or back-up into homes. Your home is in an area that contributes to an SSO located in Whetstone Park that discharges to Adena Brook/Indian Springs Run. Information regarding this SSO (No. 30) may be found by visiting: <https://eapp.columbus.gov/ssocso/>

Enclosed is a draft designation order that will allow implementation of Blueprint Columbus. The city has determined the best way to resolve the overflow issue is to focus on stopping the rain water from getting into the sanitary sewers, and instead directing it to storm sewers which are designed to handle rain water. Since most of the water is coming into the sanitary sewer from residential areas, it is necessary to address the homes in the area to achieve the reductions we will need.

To achieve this goal we will need to improve the line which carries your home sewage to the city sewer, known as the lateral. In most cases, the lateral may be rehabilitated with minimal disruption to your property and without excavating the line. We will also need to make sure the gutters from homes are directed to the street, so the roof rain water is getting to a storm sewer and not into the sanitary sewer.

The city will also be doing work on public property, such as right of ways and parks, by installing rain gardens and pervious pavement to help make sure that the increased rain water will not cause any additional local flooding and to improve water quality.

Ultimately, Blueprint Columbus protects the environment and improves the quality of life in Columbus neighborhoods.

Comments or concerns on the enclosed draft order are welcome for the next thirty days, until September 30, 2016. Comments may be emailed to blueprint@columbus.gov or mailed to:

Susan Ashbrook, Asst. Director - Department of Public Utilities
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Once all comments are received and reviewed, we will finalize the order and send you a copy.

Sincerely,

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