City of New Castle Henry County, Indiana Wastewater Collection and Treatment Utility

Public Awareness Notification

The City of New Castle owns and operates a Combined Sewer System (CSS) that by definition conveys wastewater and stormwater during rain events. During heavy rain events this collection system may discharge excess volume that it can not hydraulically convey or treat at the treatment plant through Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) at key hydraulic points throughout the system. These CSO discharges are permitted by State and Federal agencies under wet weather conditions by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. In an effort to minimize the impact to the environment during these unavoidable discharge events, the City is attempting to educate the residents and businesses on the proper disposal of items that can contribute to unsightly discharges as well as treatment problems. Users of the City Sewer system are strongly encouraged to dispose of sanitary and personal hygiene items through the weekly solid waste pick-up in lieu of the sewer system. It is recommended that these CSO points and their discharge streams be avoided during wet weather events due to the potential health problems that may occur through contact with the waters. It has been documented that public cooperation and awareness can greatly reduce risks of CSOs as well as reduce the pollutants that may have detrimental impacts to our environment. A map indicating the location of the CSOs is available at the City Hall and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Concerns or requests for more information should be directed to the following individual or entities.

Please feel free to contact the Wastewater Superintendent at 765-521-6836 if you have any questions or comments. Persons interested in direct notification of CSO events by text or email may provide contact information through a written request to: Mr. Zed Leath, Assistant Superintendent, 10 Midway Drive, New Castle, IN 47362.