

DigIndy - Did You Know

- The DigIndy Tunnel System is a 28-mile-long network of tunnels being built 250 feet - nearly the equivalent of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument - below Indianapolis
- The DigIndy Tunnel System enables Indianapolis to meet requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and a Consent Decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Justice to nearly eliminate sewer overflows to area waterways by the year 2025
- As DigIndy is completed by 2025, water quality in the White River and its tributaries will gradually be restored to levels not seen in decades, thus enhancing opportunities for recreation, neighborhood revitalization and economic development
- The DigIndy project is creating or supporting thousands of good paying jobs that help the local economy and contribute to the local tax base
- Citizens assumed responsibility for the Consent Decree when it acquired the City's water and wastewater utilities in 2011
- Without the construction of the DigIndy Tunnel System, excess sewage and rain water, commonly referred to as combined sewer overflows (CSOs), would simply continue to pour into our rivers and streams
- CSOs discharge sewage during some rain events, which poses a potential public health risk
- Combined sewage introduces oils, grease, fecal matter and other sanitary wastes directly into our community's rivers and streams
- While the combined storm and sanitary system areas will greatly benefit from DigIndy's overflow prevention into the area's rivers and streams, DigIndy will not address neighborhood storm water issues
- Citizens has completed significant improvements to double the treatment capacity of its two advanced wastewater treatment plants, Southport and Belmont
- The tunnels are 18 feet in diameter - roughly the size of three people standing on each other's shoulders
- Upon completion of the project in 2025, the tunnel will prevent up to 6 billion gallons of raw sewage from entering area waterways annually
- The tunnel system will be constructed using state-of-the art machinery known as a tunnel boring machine
- Miles of consolidation sewers are required at the ground surface to divert flows to the tunnel
- Some traffic disruption, dust and noise will occur during the construction process, but these are temporary impacts



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