



46th Street and Binford Boulevard STEP Project

Citizens Energy Group is working to replace failing septic systems with sanitary sewers in the 46th Street/Binford Boulevard area on the city's northeast side as part of the Septic Tank Elimination Program (STEP).

The Problem

More than 17,000 homes in Marion County are served by private septic systems. Septic systems have a limited life and eventually fail, seeping human waste into groundwater, backyards and neighborhood ditches and streams. Septic systems are linked to high E. coli bacteria counts in many small neighborhood streams and ditches during dry weather when children are most likely to play in them.

The Solution

Approximately 37 properties are part of the 46th Street/Binford Boulevard project, as shown on the map on the reverse side. This project will include the installation of new sanitary sewers.

To address health hazards in our neighborhoods, the Septic Tank Elimination Program (STEP) was implemented to convert many neighborhoods on septic systems to the sanitary sewer system. STEP will bring sewers to hundreds of homes annually to address a majority of the approximately 17,000 Indianapolis homes still on septic systems. Projects are prioritized based on several criteria, three of which are presence of drinking water wells, housing densities and proximity to a floodplain.

How You Can Help

Everyone has a role in protecting our waterways. You can help by adopting the following environmentally friendly practices:

- Disconnect downspouts and sump pumps connected to the sewer system. Their flow takes up capacity we need to carry sewage.

- Don't send fats, oils and grease down the drain. They can clog our sewers and cause overflows and costly repairs.
- Clear gutters and storm sewer drains of leaves and debris.
- Never dispose motor oil, antifreeze, battery acid and household chemicals down the drain. Properly dispose of these materials through the city's ToxDrop program. Log on to www.sustainindy.org/ToxDrop to learn how.
- Reduce water use in your homes and businesses.
- Sign up to receive e-mail warnings of sewer overflows at www.citizensenergygroup.com.
- Pick up your pet's waste. It can end up in our waterways.
- Reduce or eliminate insecticide, herbicide and fertilizer use. These chemicals also can end up in our waterways.

Project Status

Anticipated Construction Period: Spring 2018 - Fall 2018

Contractor: Miller Pipeline, LLC

Estimated Project Costs: \$900,000

Approximate Number of Properties In The Project: 37

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Project Schedules And Costs Are Subject To Change.

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