



# 57th/Cooper Septic Tank Elimination

Citizens Water is working to replace failing septic systems with sanitary sewers in the 57th Street/Cooper Road area on the city's northwest side.

## THE PROBLEM

Septic systems have a limited life and eventually fail. In addition, the soil types in Marion County are poor for septic waste absorption. As a result, human waste leaches into groundwater, backyards and neighborhood ditches and streams. Failing septic systems are linked to unsafe levels of E. Coli in many neighborhood streams and ditches.

## THE SOLUTION

Approximately 550 properties are part of the 57th/Cooper project, as shown on the map on Page 2. This project will include installing new sanitary sewers, manholes and street resurfacing.

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 plans include bringing sewers to approximately 7,000 homes by 2013. This will address more than 25 percent of the 25,000 homes still on septic systems in Indianapolis. Neighborhoods with higher septic system failure rates are the priority of STEP.

## Project Details

**Project Status:** In Construction

**Anticipated Construction Period:** Fall 2011 to Spring 2013

**Construction Contractor:** Merryman Excavation

**Estimated Project Costs:** \$12.3 Million

**Approximate Number of Properties In The Project:** 550

### Project Benefits:

- Improved environmental and health conditions for homes and neighborhoods
- Greater protection for well water, streams and drainage ditches

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Project Schedules And Costs Are Subject To Change.

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