



Banta/McFarland and Brookdale/Fairhope Septic Tank Elimination

Citizens Water is working to replace failing septic systems with sanitary sewers in the Homecroft area on the city's south 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 768 properties are part of the Banta/McFarland and Brookdale/Fairhope project, as shown on the map on Page 2. This project will include installing new sanitary sewers, manholes, street resurfacing and incidental drainage improvements.

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 Status

Project Status: In Construction

Anticipated Construction Period: Fall 2011 to Spring 2013

Construction Contractor: Reynolds, Inc.

Estimated Project Costs: \$18 million

Approximate Number of Properties In The Project: 768

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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