



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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## **Sanitary Sewer Overflow Event**

**Grand Ledge, MI, February, 2018** – Due to the recent, significant amount of rainfall and the melting of snowpack the City of Grand Ledge experienced a sanitary sewer overflow at three discharge locations. The East River Street overflow discharged approximately 3.27 million gallons, the lift station at West River Street discharged approximately 3.18 million gallons, and the Grand Ledge Wastewater Treatment plant at 109 Fitzgerald Park Drive discharged approximately 3.89 million gallons of diluted wastewater into the Grand River. The overflow for the East River Street and West River Street location occurred from approximately 6:30 AM, February 20, 2018 through 9:00 PM, February 21, 2018 and the overflow for the Wastewater Treatment Plant occurred from approximately 12:45 PM, February 20, 2018 through 2:15 PM, February 22, 2018. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), local health department, and local newspaper have been notified accordingly.

Sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration reduction has been identified as a City Council priority. In November 2015 the City received a \$675,000 Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) grant from the DEQ with an additional \$75,000 provided by the City as matching funds. Ziemnick Foster Engineering, LLC is contracted to establish a wastewater asset management plan and design engineering of a wastewater/storm water system to be completed no later than September 30, 2018.

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