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Re: Inspection Summary / Noncompliance Letter

Dear Kim Rohr,

This is a response letter to the Inspection Summary / Noncompliance Letter to the Town of Marshall dated June 21, 2024.

The following concerns were noted in the original letter:

- 1. The Receiving Waters Appearance was rated as unsatisfactory due to the presence of raw sewage as indicated by odor, appearance as well as ammonia test results. This is in violation of Indiana's general water quality standards found in 327 IAC 2-1-6.*
- 2. IDEM received an anonymous complaint along with a copy of an inspection completed in 2004 indicating that there were several failing septic systems in the town that have been connected to the storm sewer. Following up on this complaint, Inspector located the area of town that was told the storm sewers discharge to, a creek running north/south under a small bridge on Second Street. Inspector checked several areas in town and was unable to find a street access or drainage grate to the storm sewer, but the stream was in the exact area that the complaint indicated was the storm sewer stream. The stream itself was brackish and there was a mild septic odor. Inspector grabbed a sample from the stream and checked it with an ammonia test strip and it immediately changed indicating it was above a 6.0 reading. Inspector then ran an additional test with a 50% dilution and the reading still indicated it was above 6.0 (meaning the actual number was >12.0). The IDEM complaint coordinator indicated contact was made with the County Health Department who stated the town was aware of the problem and was in the beginning stages of developing a regional waste district. The town must prepare a plan to address these issues and inform IDEM of how they plan to remedy ongoing violations. A timeline with dates should be included in this plan.*

As discussed in Concern #2, the Town of Marshall is working alongside the Town of Bloomingdale and the Department of Natural Resources to develop a regional waste district. The Northern Parke County Regional Waste District would encompass the Towns of Marshall and Bloomingdale as well as Turkey Run State Park and Turkey Run Elementary School. A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) was completed and submitted to the Indiana Finance Authority State Revolving Fund (IFA SRF) for funding assistance.

The PER can be viewed at the QR Code.



Significant funding assistance is needed to make this project affordable for the future wastewater customers. The project appeared on the SRF Project Priority List (PPL) for the State Fiscal Year, 4th Quarter. That list can be found here: <https://www.in.gov/ifa/srf/files/CWSRF2024-CW-Small-Q4-Project-Priority-List-06.20.24-Final.pdf>

Once the Northern Parke County Regional Sewer District is formed, the PER will also be submitted to the United State Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) for funding assistance as well.

The proposed project in the PER includes provisions to construct sanitary collection systems and send wastewater flow from Marshall, Bloomingdale, Turkey Run State Park, and Turkey Run Elementary School to the existing wastewater treatment plant in Rockville.

Additional information about the project is updated at the project website:

<https://www.partnershipparkecounty.com/regionalsewer-project>

The schedule for the proposed plan is summarized in the table below.

Item	Date
File Petition to Form Regional Sewer District with IDEM	July 2024
Regional Sewer District Establishment	Early – Mid 2025
Begin Design	Early – Mid 2025
Complete Design	End 2025
IDEM Construction Permit Approval	End 2025
Receipt of Bids	Early 2026
Post-Bid Financial & Loan Closing	Spring 2026
Contract Award	Spring 2026
Start Construction	Spring 2026
Complete Construction	Spring 2027

Sincerely,

Kevin Stewart

Town of Marshall Council