

# Media Release

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## **City of Lincoln Park Utilizes Sewer Bypass Protocol Following Significant Periods of Rain on February 19-20, 2018**

Due to significant rainfalls over the course of a 48-hour period, the City of Lincoln Park's sewage retention basin, designed to hold twenty and one half (20.5) million gallons of sewage, reached capacity. At 1:15 AM on Monday, February 20, 2018, City Officials authorized the Retention Basin's Sewer Bypass Protocol to be implemented, resulting in treated and blended sewerage to be released into the Ecorse River. The bypass is currently ongoing.

The City of Lincoln Park's Retention Basin Sewer Bypass Protocol allows for sewerage, blended with storm water, and treated with sodium hypo-chlorohydrate, to be released into the Ecorse River for short durations. This allows the City's sanitary sewer system to operate in a manner that reduces the probability of basement flooding throughout the City yet still allows the City to meet minimum Clean Water Act standards for the treatment of effluent from the system. Prior to implementing the bypass protocol, the City of Lincoln Park contacts representatives of the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to notify them of the need for bypass.

Pursuant to the City's responsibilities under the protocol, it must release this announcement to the public and the Wayne County Health Department within 24 hours following the beginning of the by-pass.