



## **PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED INFORMATION – May 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**

### **Sanitary Sewer Overflows**

A spill from a collection facility has occurred.

Due to the recent rain fall, The City of Waxahachie, TPDES Permit No. 10379-001, experienced Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO's) from its domestic wastewater collection system on Sunday May 05, 2024 from various locations within the Upper Waxahachie Creek Drainage Basin. The following SSO's have ended, the estimated overflow gallons were: Lion's Park ( 32°22'15.68"N, 96°50'4.32"W) - 132,000 gallons; Lion's Park (32°22'14.52"N, 96°49'56.60"W) – 153,000 gallons; Will Street ( 32°22'51.22"N, 96°50'36.06"W) – 135,000 gallons; Will Street (32°22'52.22"N , 96°50'35.72"W) – 59,250 gallons; Will Street (32°22'52.56"N, 96°50'35.82"W) – 35,250 gallons; Dunn St. – 600 gallons; Tuggle St & MLK Blvd – 4,000 gallons and 436 Jefferson – 1,350 gallons. These overflows travelled through the storm drains and/or drainage ditches to Waxahachie Creek; which eventually flows to Lake Bardwell, approximately 10.4 miles from these overflows.

The overflows occurred due to a significant amount of infiltration and/or inflow of rainwater into the sanitary sewer collection system. The City estimated 3-5 inches of rainfall between Saturday May 04, 2024 and Sunday May 05, 2024. The overflows consisted of mainly rainwaters and very diluted wastewater. There is no anticipated harm to human health or safety due to the SSO's being mainly rainwater and the receiving creeks being heavily surcharged already with rainwater runoff. The downstream areas have been visually observed with the areas inundated with rainwater runoff.

The City has an active Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative Action program where the sanitary sewer collection system is being inspected through closed circuit televising, visual inspections, and smoke testing to identify deficiencies within the system with repairs, replacements and upgrades are being implemented through capital improvement projects.

All SSO's identified have been reported to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality within 24-hours of discovering the overflows. The Texas Water Code and the Texas Commission on Environmental require overflows estimated to be in excess of 100,000 gallons to be reported to the local media for notification to the public.

For precaution, it is recommended that:

1. Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within ½ mile of the spill site or within the potentially affected area should use only water that has been distilled or boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute for all personal uses including drinking, cooking, bathing, and tooth brushing. Individuals with private water wells should have their well water tested and disinfected, if necessary, prior to discontinuing distillation or boiling.
2. Persons who purchase treated water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor to determine if the water is safe for personal use.
3. The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill.
4. If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil, or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.

A copy of this notice has been provided to the local government officials and the TCEQ regional office at 2309 Gravel Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76118-6951.

If you would like information on the spill, please contact the City of Waxahachie's Senior Director of Utilities, Kumar Gali, at (469) 309-4086, [kumar.gali@waxahachie.com](mailto:kumar.gali@waxahachie.com).