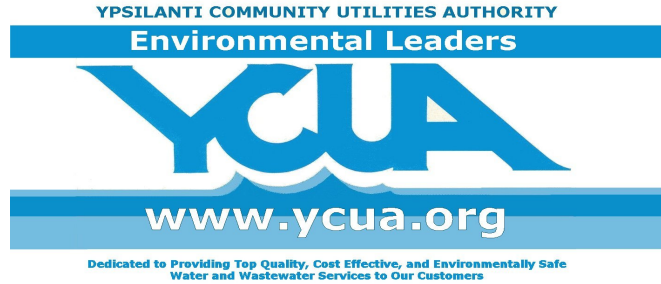


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Date: February 15, 2022

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## Sanitary Sewer Overflow

A portion of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority's sanitary sewer collection system experienced a collapse at approximately 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2022. The sewer collapse occurred within the footprint of the Authority's Snow Road pump station located at 3290 Snow Road in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The sewer collapse resulted in a sinkhole and setbacks to the conveyance of wastewater to this pump station. YCUA staff immediately engaged in contractual services and has worked diligently around the clock to mitigate any impacts to human health and the environment. Authority staff has primarily managed this incident with diversion of flow and installation of bypass pumps.

After prolonged and sustained efforts to avoid any spillage of wastewater during the onset of the incident, the initial bypass pumping arrangement became inadequate to handle all the flow to the pump station. In an effort to avoid significant backups of sewage to nearby customers, a portion of the wastewater was released to the Huron River at about 10:30 p.m. YCUA has since installed additional bypass capacity and the release of wastewater was ceased at about 7:30 a.m. on Monday morning.

The Authority has been in contact with numerous concerned parties and regulatory agencies regarding this unfortunate situation. YCUA has sampled and is testing various sites along the Huron River in accordance with regulatory requirements. The Authority does not anticipate any impacts on human health and the environment from the overflow but is expediting emergency repairs to the affected sewer system.

Prior to the collapse, YCUA was already moving forward on a \$6.9 million dollar capital improvement project involving the installation of a 30-inch diameter parallel sewer to convey wastewater to the Snow Road pump station. The new sewer will provide reliability and dependable conveyance of wastewater. Construction of this parallel sewer is expected to commence in the summer of 2022.

Please forward any questions or concerns regarding this incident to Sree Mullapudi, Director of Wastewater Operations / Compliance by phone at 734-484-4600 ext. 121 or by email at [smullapudi@ycua.org](mailto:smullapudi@ycua.org).

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