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Norrel Hemphill
4860 Grayton Street
Detroit, MI 48224

RE: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) or the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

Dear Ms. Hemphill:

The Board of Water Commissioners (BOWC) received a comment from you entitled Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) or the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) assumes this is about both DWSRF and CWSRF. For reference, projects relating to water supply are DWSRF, and projects relating to sewer collection are CWSRF.

A description of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) process can be found on Michigan Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) website here: <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/regulatory-assistance/funding/fd/state-revolving-fund>

The definition of overburdened and significantly overburdened can be found on EGLE's website here: <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/regulatory-assistance/funding/fd/state-revolving-fund/affordability-criteria/new-affordability-criteria-development>

These terms are important as it allows favorable project scoring of proposed projects by EGLE, and a lower interest rate on the CWSRF loan.

Both DWSRF and CWSRF project plan applications require a public meeting which is open to public comment. These presentations and public comment periods are held every spring during a BOWC meeting. The notice of the public meeting is posted on the City of Detroit website at least two (2) weeks in advance. Project plans for fiscal years 2023-2026 are currently available on the City of Detroit website.

The average age of sewers in the proposed project areas of Hubbard Farms and North Corktown is 95 years.

For sewer rehabilitation in the neighborhoods of Hubbard Farms and North Corktown, the currently combined system will remain as a combined system. The intent of this project is to directly address structural issues observed within the combined sewer mains such as fractures, holes, deformation, and joint offsets. These structural issues, over time, can lead to cave-ins or water-in-basement events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Smalley".

Samuel A. Smalley, PE
Deputy Director
Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

Cc: Board of Water Commissioners