



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

Water Board Building

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March 31, 2022

The Honorable
Board of Water Commissioners
Detroit, Michigan

RE: Ms. Yvonne Johnson – Joy Road and West Chicago

Dear President Einheuser and Commissioners:

Ms. Yvonne Johnson brought a number of issues to the BOWC previously.

She requested the blocked basins at the intersection of Dover and Bryden be addressed – these basins have been cleaned and tested. Other basins in the immediate area were also cleaned.

Water is not being diverted to the Joy Road/West Chicago area during wet weather. Neither DWSD nor GLWA have infrastructure that would allow us to divert wet weather flows in such a way, nor would we burden any particular part of the city in favor of another.

The DWSD basement backup program is in a pilot phase at this time. As funding becomes available, additional areas may be added to the program.

Sincerely,

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

Samuel A. Smalley, PE
Chief Operating Officer
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