



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

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The Honorable
Board of Water Commissioners
Detroit, Michigan

RE: 4265 Seminole Sinkhole

Dear President Einheuser and Commissioners:

The reported issue of a sinkhole at 4265 Seminole was recently reported to the BOWC. The sinkhole was investigated by DWSD on 5/9/24. The investigation necessitated a dye test to determine the root cause of the sinkhole which was also performed on 5/9/24. Sewer Service Line Leader Mr. Eric Charles spoke to Ms. Johns at that time via telephone and informed her that the root cause was due to her private sewer lateral failing. DWSD also sent a "Fix It" letter that documents this is a private issue. A copy of the this letter is attached.

Mr. Charles called Ms. Johns on 7/1/24 to again inform her that DWSD performed a dye test and determined the cause to be a private defect. We will send another copy of the "Fix It" letter as well.

Sincerely,

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

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

Attachment