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Re: Public Comment – How much of the budget if any, is going toward efforts such as separating combined sewage-stormwater systems and green infrastructure to reduce the amount of sewage overflow into Lake St. Clair and/or its connected waterways?

Dear Ms. Krayem,

Please accept this letter as a follow-up to your concerns addressed to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) at a previous community outreach meeting. In your comment, you wanted to know how much of the budget if any is going toward efforts regarding the separation of the combined sewage stormwater systems and green infrastructure to reduce the amount of sewage overflow into Lake St. Clair and/or its connected waterways.

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) is committed to provide customers with high quality of water and protect our natural resources. Since 1992, DWSD has invested more than \$1.0 billion in wet weather treatment facilities to manage stormwater runoff. DWSD has eliminated about 95% of untreated CSO from entering the Detroit and Rouge Rivers through use of combined sewer overflow (CSO) facilities. To control the remaining CSO, DWSD is investing in the green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) to keep our rivers clean and help make Detroit one of the greenest cities in the nation. DWSD is projected to end the current fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019) with a GSI expenditure of \$14.8 million, and has budgeted \$38.5 million for the next five (5) years (2020-2024).

For more information on GSI or Drainage Program, you can visit the website at (<http://www.detroitmi.gov/dwsd>).

If you have further questions you can contact our customer care center at 313-267-8000 option 6 to speak with a representative.

Respectfully,

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cc: Honorable Board of Water Commissioners