



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department

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Doris Carswell  
19420 Gainsborough  
Detroit, MI 48223

RE: Public Comment – Sink Hole in Driveway

Dear Ms. Carswell:

Please accept this letter as a follow-up to your concern addressed to the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) at a previous Board of Water Commissioners (BOWC) meeting. In your comment, you expressed concern with a possible sinkhole in your driveway.

An investigation was conducted and it was determined there was no repair work done by DWSD in the area of the driveway located at 19420 Gainsborough. In addition, DTE confirmed that work performed by them was at the front of the property. It appears that the sinkhole may be due to a private sewer issue. It would be best to have your private sewer service televised to determine the root cause of the issue which is on your private property. Please refer to the enclosed diagram, which shows the property owner's responsibility for the private sewer service.

Thank you for contacting DWSD, we consider this matter resolved.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Palencia Mobley".

Palencia Mobley, PE  
Deputy Director/Chief Engineer

Cc: Honorable Board of Water Commissioners