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IMPORTANT – ACTION REQUIRED – DYE TESTING PROGRAM

Dear Homeowner/Resident,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you and ask for your assistance in an upcoming Dye Testing Pilot Program. The City is required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to identify sources of rainwater runoff and groundwater that enter the sanitary sewer system. Sources include sump pumps and floor drains in basements, as well as downspouts, and yard, window, and driveway drains. Identified sources can then be redirected away from the sewer system, which will reduce sewer backups, promote healthier streams and ponds, and reduce the City's sewer costs. The City will work with the owner(s) of properties where confirmed inflow sources are found to mitigate the problem. There will be no cost to the property owner(s) for this work.

Inspections will be performed starting the week of October 28th, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., by a city-hired engineering consultant, Weston & Sampson. We request that you call Weston & Sampson, at 508-250-0245 to schedule an appointment for a dye test at your property. Please leave a message including your name, address, and telephone number, and your call will be returned promptly.

The testing of floor drains and sump pumps will require entry to your basement, and a person over the age of 18 must be home during the time of inspection. **All personnel will have picture identification cards issued by the Framingham Public Works Department.**

If you have specific questions regarding the dye testing program, please call Framingham DPW's 24/7 phone number at 508-532-6040.

Additional information regarding testing procedures and access to your property can be found on the City's webpage: <http://www.framinghamma.gov/dyetesting>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

John H. Rogers, P.E.
Project Manager