

May 22, 2018

Riverdale, MI 48877

Re: Septic System Inspections for Riverdale

Dear Property Owner or Resident

A complaint has been filed at the Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) that human sewage is being introduced into the storm sewer system in Riverdale and then released into the Pine River. An investigation by the Mid-Michigan District Health Department in conjunction with Seville Township which included multiple surface water samples throughout Riverdale's storm sewer system has revealed that raw sewage is being introduced into the storm sewer system.

The next step is to individually dye test dwelling septic systems within the area of the affected storm sewers to identify dwellings that do not have adequate septic systems and are polluting the Pine River and to exclude dwellings that have septic systems that are operating as designed from this investigation. This involves cooperation from the property owner to locate the septic tank on the property and expose the outlet access port (if it is buried). If you don't know where or cannot find the septic tank, this department suggests contacting a septic pumping company to assist in this process.

Representatives from this office will be visiting Riverdale over the next month to conduct testing of the system. Cooperation from the residents of Riverdale is necessary to ensure that the Health Department is able to identify homes that are suspected of having illicit connections to the storm sewer. Should you wish to discuss the findings of our investigation or have further questions regarding the process indicated above, please feel free to contact Liz Braddock at the Health Department at (616) 302 6301 or lbraddock@mmdhd.org or Tish Mallory at Seville Township (989) 000-0000.

Sincerely,

Liz Braddock,
Environmental Health Supervisor
Mid-Michigan District Health Department

Tish Mallory
Seville Township Supervisor