

City of Concord Water Resources Department - Wastewater Division

Wastewater Collection System Performance Annual Report Fiscal Year July 2020 - June 2021

I. General Information

System Name: City of Concord Wastewater Collection System

Responsible Entity: City of Concord

Persons in Charge: Jeff Corley

Director of Water Resources

Rusty Campbell

Deputy Director of Water Resources

Applicable Permits: WQCS00326

Tributary to NC0036269 and NC0081621

Description of the System:

The City of Concord Wastewater Collection System consists of over 587 miles of sewer pipelines, approximately 14,945 manholes, and 24 wastewater pump stations. The system came into existence in the early 1900s and continues to be upgraded and extends to become the system we operate today.

II. Performance

The City of Concord's Wastewater Division performs the operation and maintenance of the City's collection system, which serves approximately 40,503 customers. Nine crews provide this service. Two rapid-response crews respond to all calls related to potential blockages and overflows in the system. Two jet-vac truck crews perform maintenance on the system by removing obstructions that may be present in the system, thus limiting the number of possible back-ups and overflows. These trucks are also used to maintain the City's 24 wastewater pump stations through periodic cleaning and sludge removal. An inflow-infiltration crew locates defects and obstructions in the pipelines using a camera that

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videotapes the inside of the sewer lines. The City also has a crew that is dedicated to the operation and maintenance of the City's 24 wastewater pump stations. One service line installation and repair crew install's new service lateral connections to the City's sewer mains and repairs sewer mains as well as manholes. One crew of heavy construction has been dedicated to heavy right-of-way clearing or to fill in as a repair crew to do new installs and make repairs as well. All right-of-way maintenance crews collect data on the location of the various components of the City's system that provides maintenance of the wastewater collection system rights-of-way's that performs semi- annual inspections of the system. The City has a System Compliance Superintendent who is responsible for the implementation of the Fats, Oil, and Grease Program (FOG), along with the inspection of sewer right-of-ways to ensure easement accessibility.

During this fiscal year, the City of Concord was requested to investigate approximately 101 reports of possible sewer-related backups. These calls were related to both municipal and private lines. The City of Concord had 0 incidences that resulted in the spill or overflow of more than 1,000 gallons of wastewater to surface waters of the State.

The Wastewater Division began a progran1 in the fiscal year of '06 - '07 to make property owners aware of water and sewer easements on their property. The purpose of this program is to initiate corrective actions to existing accessibility problems and to prevent future accessibility problems. Easements are not always identified on property deeds. The first step to ensure access to the water and sewer system is to confirm that he property owner is aware of the City's easements, so they can plan or modify the use of their property accordingly. Notification letters include the specific reference to a recorded easement or subdivision plat that affects the owner's property. To date, the City of Concord has distributed easement notification letters for sewer and raw water easements to customers, including information about the City' s requirements for keeping the easement accessible. Easement research and notifications for the City' s utility service area have been completed. Propelties with sewer easements are flagged in the City' s customer database so new owners can be notified when property ownership is transferred. Letters have been mailed because of property transfers. Propelty owners have responded to the letters with request for additional information concerning easement location.

The Wastewater Compliance Superintendent oversees the department's FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) program. This superintendent reviews plans for new construction and up-fit plans dealing with food preparation and grease disposal. Monthly pumper hauler routing repolis and individual food service facility pumping manifests are two items that are used to monitor grease disposal from the food service industry. City crews assist the Compliance Superintendent by providing information peliaining to grease buildups noticed during daily maintenance operations. Infolmation gleaned from the crews is used to provide educational information to the areas or establishments that are contributing to the problem. The Compliance Superintendent also has an extensive educational program, providing grease related programs to elementary grade students, Journey Through Concord and Concord 101 adult education programs.

The City of Concord is continually performing preventative maintenance activities and

undergoing rehabilitation projects to prevent sanitary sewer overflows. The following activities have been completed during the past fiscal year.

Jet-Vac Line Cleaning 332,640 linear feet Dye Testing Sewer Service Inspections 154 Sewer Line Replacements 40 linear feet Smoke Testing 30,000 linear feet T.V. Inspections 129,998 linear feet Pipe Lining 26,984 linear feet Manholes Rehabilitated 107 Miles of right-of-way mowed 95.5 miles Manholes Inspected 6.835 High Priority Lines Inspected 2.4 miles

The City of Concord also operates an in-house flow monitoring program. The desired outcomes of this program are to ensure adequate system capacity, prevent sanitary sewer overflows, identify segments of the system impacted by inflow and infiltration, and prioritize field investigations and repairs that could create the greatest reduction in the conveyance and treatment of unnecessary flow. Over the past year, the following basins were studied:

- Rocky River: ROCT10100SW, ROC5000SW, ROC5200SW, ROC5300SW
- Coddle Creek: COD3100NE, COD3800NE
- Clark Creek: CLA0900SW
- Irish Buffalo Creek: IBCC1300NE, IBC1600SW

III. Notification

A copy of this report is available for review at the Alfred M. Brown Operations Center at 635 Alfred Brown Jr. Ct. SW, Concord, North Carolina; at City Hall, 35 Cabarrus Ave. W, Concord, North Carolina; and on the City of Concord's website at www.concordnc.gov.

IV. Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this report has been made available to the users or customers of the named system and that those users have been notified of its availability.

Date: 1/1/22

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Jeff Corley, Director of Water Resources