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# Combined Sewage Overflow CSO Public Notification Plan

NPDES Permits No.

MI0026115

MI0037427

MI0025534

MI0048046

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

### I. Public Notification of CSO into the Great Lakes Basin

The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (WRC) has developed a public notification plan (PNP) for combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into the Red Run Drain and Rouge River in accordance with the issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits and 40 CFR Part 122.38(c). This PNP describes how WRC will ensure that the public receives adequate notification of CSO occurrences and impacts from its combined sewer system in compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) rule to implement Section 425 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016. This PNP will be posted on the WRC website and will soon be found at <a href="https://www.oakgov.com/water/">https://www.oakgov.com/water/</a>

The WRC operates and maintains four Retention Treatment Basins (RTBs). The water stored and released from these RTBs has received treatment including: settling, screening, disinfection and removal of floatables. Testing has been performed to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment and to confirm bacteria levels are below permitted limits and are protective of public health.

The WRC operates and maintains the following CSO Facilities within Oakland County:

•	George W. Kuhn CSO RTB	Madison Heights, MI	NPDES Permit No. MI0026115
0	Acacia Park CSO RTB	Beverly Hills, MI	NPDES Permit No. MI0037437
•	Birmingham CSO RTB	Birmingham, MI	NPDES Permit No. MI0025534
•	Bloomfield Village CSO RTB	Birmingham, MI	NPDES Permit No. MI0048046

## II. Potentially Affected Public Entities

The local health departments and potentially affected public entities whose waters may be impacted by a CSO discharge from WRC are identified below along with their contact information.

>	Mic	chigan Department of Environmental	Quality	Fax: (586) 753-3751
>	Ма	comb County Health Department		Fax: (586) 469-6534
			Email:	stacey.mcfarlane@macombgov.org
>	Oa	kland County Health Department		Fax: (248) 452-9758
			Email:	hansellm@oakgov.com
	A	City of Birmingham		pomeara@bhamgov.org
	>	Bloomfield Township		OOlsztyn-Budry@bloomfieldtwp.org
	A	Village of Beverly Hills		cwilson@villagebeverlyhills.com

### Notification:

The WRC currently notifies the above public municipalities and public entities regarding CSO discharges. In accordance with the new EPA rule, this plan will now give notice within four hours of the onset of a CSO. The discharge final notification contains event start and stop times, the laboratory results regarding fecal and E.coli geometric means and the amount of CSO discharged in million gallons. "To ensure timely and consistent communication to the public regarding CSO discharges to the Great Lakes Basin", we have made plans to add initial discharge notifications through social media within four hours as well, until it is established whether MiWaters can satisfy this requirement.

\*\*Note: Estimated volume calculations of CSO discharges use a weir formula and a series of four bubblers to determine the amount of spill over the weir at the GWK RTB. Those bubblers are used in a weir overflow formula to calculate the amount of CSO into the Red Run Drain. The Rouge River Basins use an influent meter and a dewatering meter to calculate the amount of CSO being discharged (the amount being dewatered subtracted from the amount entering the basin equals the amount being discharged to the river). The CSO begins when flow is measured (by bubbler) over our effluent weir at Outfall 001 (Red Run Drain) and ceases when that bubbler is reading zero inches of spill. The Rouge River Basins have a probe (an electrical sensor) that becomes submerged when spills to the river occur. The discharge ends when these probes are no longer submerged.

### III. Signage

The PNP has identified the following CSO outfalls where signage will be placed to meet the requirements of 40 CFR Part 122.38(a)(1). Maps of the RTBs and their outfalls are included in Exhibit A. As these CSO RTBs operate under NPDES permits and their discharges are considered protective of public health and meet current water quality standards, signs will be placed at the CSO discharge point(s). Examples of the signage can be found in Exhibit B. Signs will be inspected at least every three months to confirm they are accurate, visible, upright, in place and if not, they will be repaired or replaced as necessary.

### IV. Comments and Suggestions

This Public Notification Plan has been submitted to the Oakland County and Macomb County Health Departments and we are currently awaiting their response regarding comments and recommendations they may have. After reviewing and updating as necessary, we will re-submit the PNP once and if we receive feedback.

Comment(s):

### V. Initial and Supplemental Notification Protocol

On or before November 7<sup>th</sup>, the WRC will implement the initial and supplemental protocols (as defined below) and place the necessary signage at the necessary outfall structures (see Exhibits A and B).

- 1. Within 4 hours of becoming aware of CSO discharge, the WRC will notify potentially impacted public entities listed in Section II of the PNP. The notification will be sent by electronic mail and/or facsimile and will include the following information:
  - a) RTB Address and Contact Information
  - b) Water body that receives the discharge(s)
  - c) Potentially impacted public access areas
  - d) Date(s) and time(s) that the discharge(s) commenced
  - e) Notice that follow-up information will be sent regarding the amount and quality of the discharge after the cessation of the CSO
- 2. Within 4 hours of becoming aware of a CSO discharge, the WRC will provide public notification through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's MiWaters System. The notification will at minimum include all the information specified in paragraph (1)(a-e) of this section.
- 3. Within 7 days after becoming aware that the CSO discharge(s) has ended, the WRC will update potentially impacted public entities listed in Section II of the PNP by electronic mail and/or facsimile with the following information:
  - a) The estimated volume of the discharge(s).
  - b) The approximate time that the discharge(s) ended
  - c) The quality of the discharge, whether or not the CSO was in compliance with permit requirements
  - d) Any permit violations that may have occurred

4. Within 7 days after becoming aware that the CSO discharge(s) has ended, the WRC will provide a public update through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's MiWaters System. The notification will at minimum include all the information specified in paragraph (3)(a-d) of this section.

### VI. Annual Notification

On or before May 1 of 2019, a link will be posted on the WRC website (<a href="https://www.oakgov.com/water/">https://www.oakgov.com/water/</a>) to the MiWaters website (<a href="https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us/miwaters">https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us/miwaters</a>) which will provide an access link to the CSO discharge information for 2018.

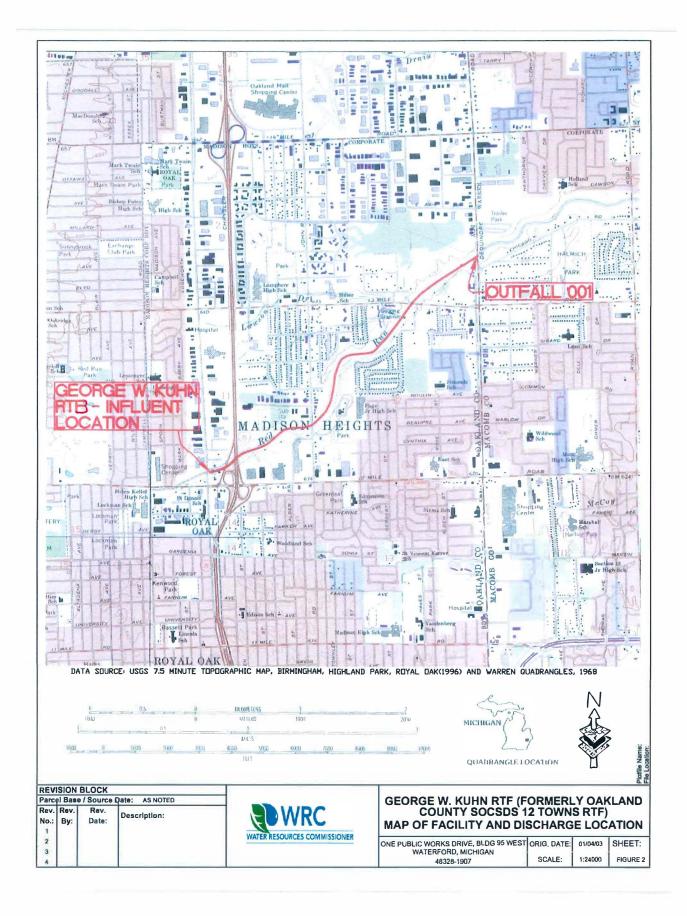
The DEQ's Annual Combined Sewer Overflow /Sanitary Sewer Overflow report will satisfy the EPA's requirement for the annual public notice. The WRC will furthermore provide the EPA with notice of how the notification is made available. Notice to the EPA will be in the form of an email to <a href="https://www.npbes.cso@epa.gov">NPDES\_CSO@epa.gov</a> containing a link to the annual notice and the contact information of the person responsible for maintaining the website. This information will include the name, title, phone number and email address of the contact person, and additional information regarding how the annual notice may be made available if necessary.

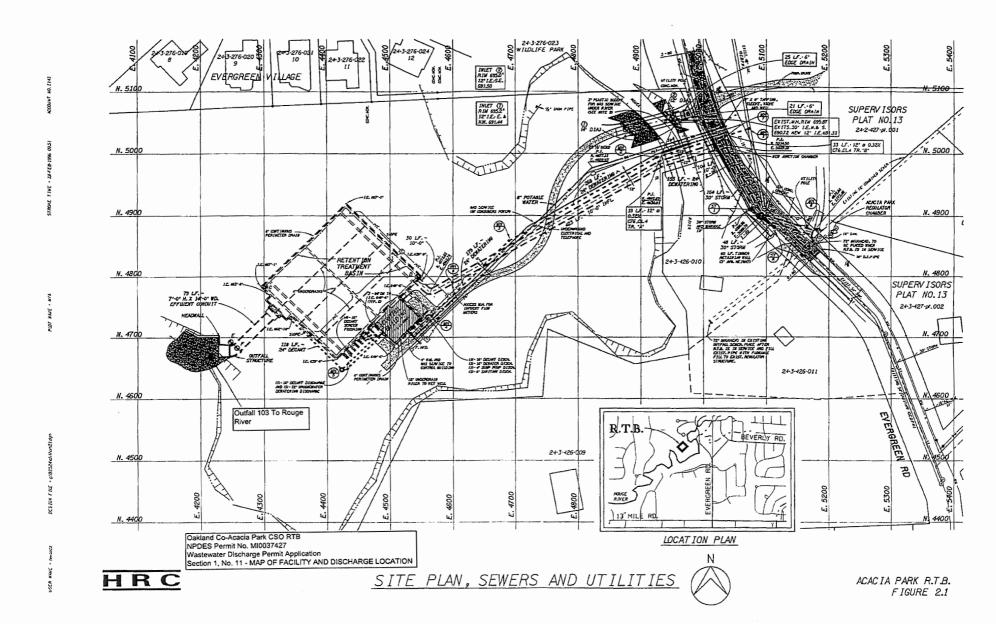
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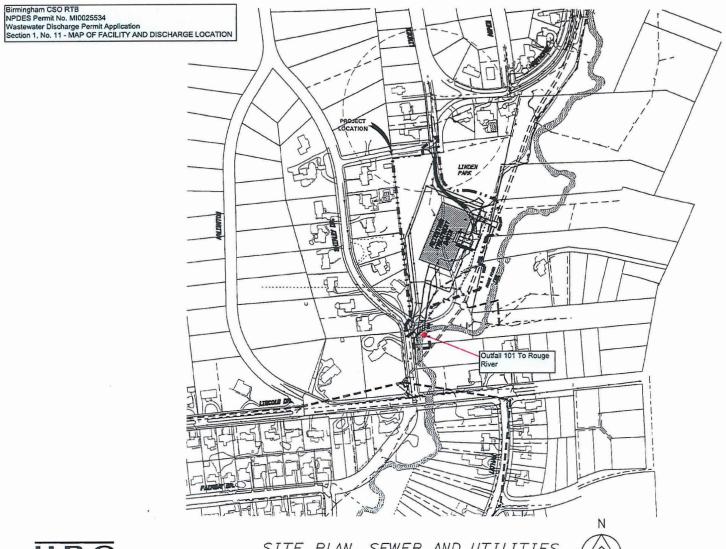
Exhibit A

RTB Outfall(s) Map

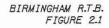


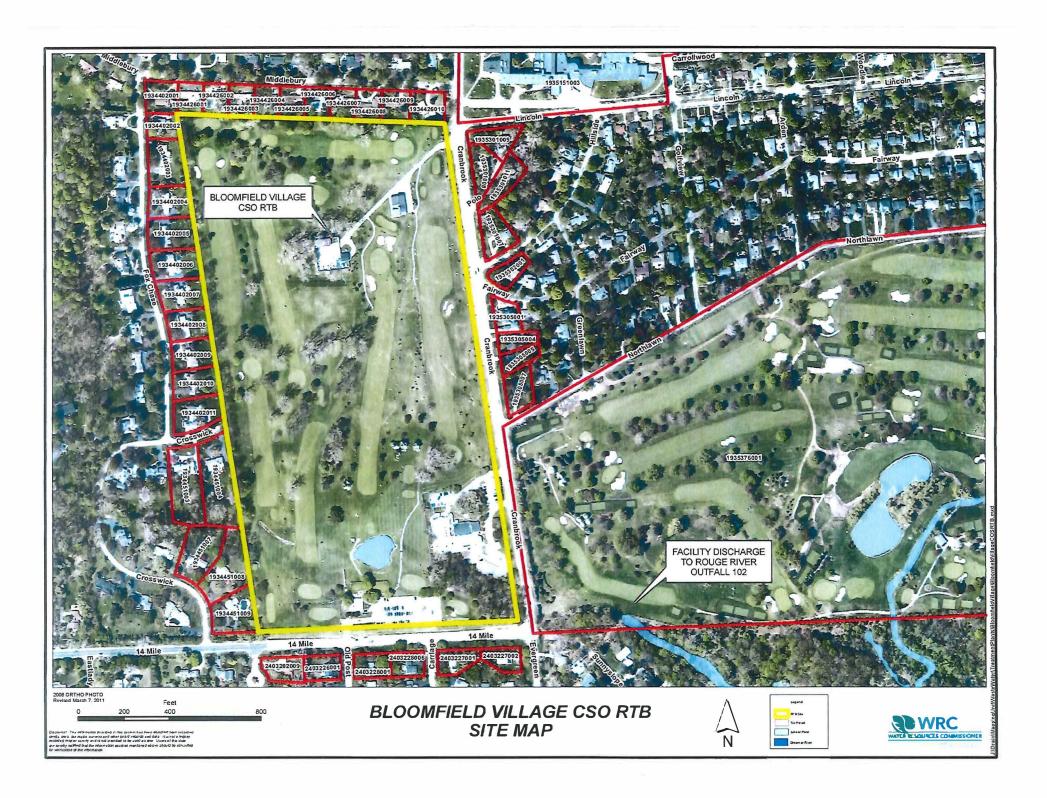


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SITE PLAN, SEWER AND UTILITIES





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Exhibit B

RTB Signage



## OAKLAND COUNTY

George W. Kuhn Drainage District

Permitted Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO)

NPDES Permit No. MI0026115

Outfall 001 and Monitoring Point 001A

ATTENTION: THIS IS A CSO DISCHARGE POINT

THIS OUTFALL MAY

DISCHARGE TREATED WASTEWATER

DURING WET WEATHER CONDITIONS AS PERMITTED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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# OAKLAND COUNTY

Permitted Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO)

Acacia Park CSO Drainage District

NPDES Permit No. MI0037427

Outfall 103 and Monitoring Point 103A

ATTENTION: THIS IS A CSO DISCHARGE POINT

THIS OUTFALL MAY

DISCHARGE TREATED WASTEWATER

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Permitted Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO)

Birmingham CSO Drainage District

NPDES Permit No. MI0025534

Outfall 101 and Monitoring Point 101A

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NPDES Permit No. MI0048046

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