Sewer system improvement in works

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pected to pay for the majority of
construction costs of an additional
sewage line, called the North Hamiltion relief line, that would have been
used to provide extra capacity for
sewage from the suburban communities on the way to the Detroit Dopartment of Water and Sewerage
System for treatment.
What will happen to the North
Hamilton relief line is still undetermined. Whether the EvergreenFarmington system will pay for the
relief line is an important question
that remains to be answered.
But in the overall scheme of sewage improvements, the word is still
go for the Evergreen-Farmington
project.
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The Bevergreen-Farmington project.
County and city officials are confident the EPA will come through with financing in the form of a 55-percent matching grant, available under the Clean Water Act.
The EPA's interest in the project and willingness to provide financing has been sparked by environmental damage caused to the Rouge River by overflowing sewage from suburban communities.
Though 16 communities are involved in the Evergreen-Farmington Hills and Southfield have had the greatest sewage problems and will pay the greatest local share to improve the system.

THE BASIC problem is overloaded sanitary sewer lines. Because

there has been nowhere to put the everifore, diluted sewage has seeped into honeowners' basements, back-yards and eventually into the Rouge. In Farmington Hills, the Kendall-wood subdivision, along 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads, has had more than its share of sewage problems.

Sanitary sewage lines are overloaded and don't have the capacity for the amount of sewage pumped through the lines on the way to Detroit for treatment.

To case the problem, Oakland County pumps overflowing sewage into the Minow Fond Drain, which empties into the Rouge.

"It (basement and backyard flooding) doesn't happen as frequently as it used to because now it's being pumped into the Gillinow Fond, of the County of the Coun

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ments will alleviate Kendallwood's problems. A large underground storage facility will be built behind Dunckel Middle School, on 12 Mile, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads.

The storage facility will release sewage at a controlled rate into the lines that will carry it on its way to Detroit. Relief lines will also be built in the Kendallwood subdivision to provide additional capacity to the existing lines.

THIS PROJECT, plus improvements in Southfield, near Eight Mile and Berg Road, comprise the first of two improvement segments in the Evergreen-Farmington system.

Of the total \$44 million project, the EPA will pay 55 percent of about \$22 million (though not all improvements in the project are grant eligible). Southfield and Farmington Hills will pay the remaining share.

Farmington Hills, which will receive the greatest benefit from the first segment, will pay \$17.7 million and Southfield \$4.5 million. The total local cost for the first segment is \$12.3 million.

Capacity will be added to a major sewer interceptor. A relief line north 1-666, near Middlebelt, and continu-ing through Southfield to Eight Mile, will be constructed.

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An additional outlet/relief line
will be built that will lie into the
Middebelt interceptor. This outlet
will relieve sewage backup in the
Middebelt sewer and, in turn, relieve some of the problems that the
Lincolnshire subdivision, south of 11
Mille, east of Middlebelt, has experienced.

Improvements will help Lincolnshire homeowners. But improvements would still be required within the subdivision to totally alleviate problems, Blasell said.

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FOR THE second \$10 million seg-ment, Farmington Hills will pay \$2.3 million and Southifeld, \$12.8 million H's still undetermined how Farm-ington Hills will pay for its local share of Evergeen-Farmington Im-provements. At a Farmington Hills City Council study session in Novem-ber, council and administrators dis-cussed the possibility of increasing consumer sewer charges and tap

fees to help pay the city's bill.

Other Oakland County communities — Birmingham and West
Bloomicled Township, for example
will pay Southfield and Farmington Hills as they take advantage of
additional capacity created by improvements in the Evergreen-Farmington system. Other communities
must make local improvements
though before taking advantage of
additional capacity.

Though functions for the first ses-

Though financing for the first seg-ment of improvements is pretty much in place, financing for the sec-ond segment is still in question.

She's battling against chemical abuse

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"One of the most Important messages that society has given, is that the two the party without drugs," she said. "It's the responsibility of parents, police, schools and the community, it's trying to change the attitude of people, kids don't even consider the illegality." Families are the key to belping a child or teen with a problem, Nicolay said. She has the support of her own family — one daughter who is

a senior at Arizona State, another son who is a junior at Miami of Ohlo, another married son and her husband and high school sweet-heart who has supported her ef-forts throughout the past few

forts throughout the past few years.

In her 2\$ years of living in the Farmington area, Nicolay has no-ticed changes in the way society treats young people. Today, stu-dents expect "instant grailfication; you should never feel down," she said. "It does make you stop and

think. Your kids look at it (alcohol) as a necessary part of their lives. Alcohol makes everything better. Teens use drugs differently than in the 1970s when hallucingens were, she said. "There is still a problem today; I see it as a different type of problem. It's the attitude that it's no big deal anymore."

ANOTHER DRUG problem facing today's society, according to Nicolay, is that "some parents of adolescents are (drug) users. They

don't understand" when their own child has problems. Nicolay is a woman who at one time considered herself shy. "I used to be petified to get up in front of people," she said. Today, she talks with ado. Today she talks with act.

she feels it will help the cause. For example, it's not uncommon for her to contact area hotels and limousine services during high school prom time to ask them their policies about drinking at student parties and in the limos.

Secretaries ratify pact

The Secretarial Association of Clarenceville has unanimously ap-proved a contract with the Clarence-ville School District. All 16 members of the association voted to ratify the agreement Tues-day.

day.

The one-year contract, retroactive to July 1, gives the workers a 6 percent raise and one additional day in the winter break, president Donna Julien said. It also calls for the dis-

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workers and the teachers approved agreements with the district.

trict to pay for classes in work-relat-ed courses attended by the employ-

All three employee groups have now ratified new contracts in Clarenceville. In November, both the custodial, maintenance and cafeteria

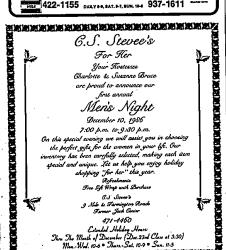


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