Moving ahead

Sewer study ordered following Rouge report

By Casey Hans

Farmington city officials are trying to stay one step ahead of federal or state edicts that could mandate the city to spend millions in sewer system upgrades.

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Last week, the city council ordered a \$15,000 engineering study of
the city's entiler sewer system. The
12-week study will include a review
of combined sewer overflows, which
dump a combination of untreated
human waste and storm water into
an already polluted Rouge River
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"I believe it won't be too long... before we receive an order of abate-ment," said city manager Robert Deadman, in recommending the study. An abatement order from the federal government could force the

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Robert Deadman Farmington city manager

city, and others in the Rouge watershed basin, to take action to clean up the river. "It's going to contain some regula-tions that will cost communities... a great deal of money," he added. "I would like to get ahead of that."

THE CITY action comes on the heels of a regional study by the Southeast Michigan Council of Gov-

ernments, which estimates it will cost between \$900 million and \$1.8 billion in the next 20 years to clean up the polluted river and store and treat the combined overflow waters. Farmington's price tag alone to-tailed \$97 million, a figure denounced by Deadman who said there crackleding separating the sanitary severa from the storm severs. He estimates this would cost the city between \$50 and \$10 million — considerably less than the numbers offered in SEMOCO'S Remedial Action Plan. The city of Farmington has a partially separated sewer system with about 400 acres of the city served by a combined sanitary/storm sever system.

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Deadman said he wants to get de-tails on alternatives so the council can make some decisions.

THE FIRM of Black and Veatch was retained to do the study, which will:

will:
 • review past studies and previous sewer projects,
 • look at drainage overflows and the status of overflow permits,
 • review SEMTA's Rouge strategy study,
 • Operating combined some overflows.

observe combined sewer over-flow areas and look at the city's total

system,
 give a preliminary cost analysis and a suggested, staged plan of improvements for Farmington.

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City officials are concerned not only with federal clean water edicts, but with the state Department of Natural Resources. Deadman said the DNR is expected to request a workable sewer maintenance program before renewing permits for combined sewer overflows.

"I believe it is essential that we develop a comprehensive approach which includes the evaluation of the system, the development of improvement options, and financing of the recommented timprovements," Deadman added.

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Founders Festival parade processioners will step off at 10 a.m. from the drives the tater on Grand River near the tater on Grand River near the Farmington Road.

Someoned by Botslord General Hoppital, the hour-long parade will feature bands, floats and other vehicles. Floats will deplet the community's ethnic diversity through the festival theme, "Kaleidoscope of the World." Many marbers will wear ethnic costumes and carry large of the countries to which they trace their heritage.

There will be trophies and cash prizes for floats in several categories, including most original and best depletion of the festival theme.

THE DETROIT Police Blue Pigs musical group will perform from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Farmington Ommunity Library's Farmington Branch on Liberty and State.

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road watch

This column was prepared by Farmington Hills city manager William Costick's staff.

This summer promises to be as busy as last summer with many road construction projects planned throughout the city. As a result, mo-torists will find road conditions var-

torists will find road conditions varying from day to day.

This space will list current conditions in a "no surprises" campaign to inform motorists of the road improvements under way. Additional repairs and improvements will continue for the next two years, the city administration asks for your patience. The end resolt will be less congestion, better traffic capacity

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• Construction on the Orchard Lake Road bridge will begin nearly August.

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July to widen the 11 Mile Road-Middlebelt intersection to five lances on all legs. Most of the work will be completed by Sept. 1.

• Drake Road between 11 Mile and 12 Mile will be closed to through traffic during construction for paving beginning in early July.

• The intersection of Nine Mile and Farmington will be widened on the east and west legs. Construction will begin in mid-July.

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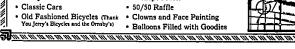
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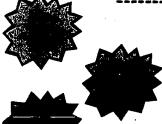
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