

Dear Westland Resident,

On January 28, 2008, Council President James Godbout, other City representatives, and I met with representatives of the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality (or MDEQ) and Wayne County to discuss the results of the fieldwork conducted in November 2007. This fieldwork was conducted by Soils Materials Engineers (also known as SME) of Plymouth for Wayne County at Central City Park.

SME reported that groundwater sampling was conducted and groundwater flow determined. The 12-groundwater monitoring wells were sampled for metals and no lead was found in any of the results. SME reported that groundwater was generally encountered at 5.5' to 13' below surface. Groundwater flow was to the northwest and the pond on the park is a recharge area for groundwater.

SME also reported on the 15 methane gas probes that were installed around the perimeter of the park. Nine of the probes were non-detect for methane. The delineation of methane gas from decomposing material was determined to the east and south of the park. The readings at the north of the park require further investigation.

I advised MDEQ and County representatives that the Fire Marshall as a precaution had checked the air quality of both the Bailey Center and District Court on two occasions in January 2008. The air quality in both buildings was normal and no indication of combustible gas, including methane, was present.

Wayne County and City representatives and SME advised the MDEQ that a work plan would be developed to complete the following:

check the methane levels again in the probes

sample the groundwater for methane

and place new probes north of the park towards the Bailey Center and the District Court.

It is expected the work plan would be submitted in mid February and the fieldwork would be completed and analytical results available in April 2008.

In the interim, the Westland City Council and I have scheduled an open study session on the Central City Park Project for Monday, February 11 at 6 p.m. inside the Council Conference room here inside Westland City Hall. The meeting will give an update on the progress of the project, and allow residents an opportunity to comment as well. This meeting is open to the public.

In closing, I'd like to reiterate that the Central City Park Telephone Information Line (888) 7CC- PARK is toll free and available 24-hours a day. The line remains a reliable

source of updated information and also gives you an opportunity to voice your questions and concerns. You may always call my office at 734-467-3200 as well.

Sincerely,

William R. Wild
Mayor