

Central City Park Update

Dear Westland Resident,

On Tuesday, October 2, 2007, Wayne County's environmental consultant, Soil Materials Engineers (SME), reported that their split samples were well correlated with the data collected by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). SME analyzed 15% of the DEQ soil and water samples and 10% of the methane samples and confirmed that no industrial chemicals or solvents were found in the groundwater or soils. While lead remains the primary constituent of concern in both soil and groundwater, no further soil investigation is needed at this time.

The DEQ also revealed that the distribution of debris and lead is random throughout the site of Central City Park, which sits between the Morgan Drain that flows to the north and the Leng Drain the flows to the south.

SME proposed installation of approximately 10 permanent flush mounted groundwater monitoring wells (8 wells at the park's perimeter and 2 in the park's center) for purposes of determining groundwater flow and direction. SME will determine elevations of standing water west of the park, in the pond, and at drain outlets to determine flow pathways. Groundwater will be sampled from metals. In addition, SME proposed installation of approximately 14 gas permanent probes from which to measure methane. These probes will be around the perimeter of the park with a bias to the east and north.

DEQ representatives are in general agreement that the field work discussed above is the next logical step toward a remediation plan and will review SME's proposed work plan and well/probe locations. The DEQ will provide any comments by late October. SME estimates that field work will occur in late October or early November, and data and analysis from this round of field work should be available in December 2007. Representatives of the DEQ, SME, Wayne County, and the City of Westland anticipate meeting in January 2008.

In closing, should you have any questions on the information above, please call the Central City Park information line, (888) 7CC-PARK, which allows one to voice their questions or concerns. Each phone call placed to this line will be returned by the Mayor's Office. In addition, the City's area kiosks (City Hall, the Bailey Center, Senior Center, William P. Faust Public Library, Mike Modano Ice Arena, and the Dorsey Center) will continue to be updated as new information becomes available. Furthermore, you may always call my office at (734) 467-3200.

Sincerely,



William R. Wild

Mayor