

Dear Westland Resident,

In a recent update from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the City of Westland learned the 65 proposed geoprobe locations where the MDEQ will conduct further testing at Westland's Central City Park. The locations grid the park in order to provide sample locations throughout the park, and follow the geophysical work, which included an EM 61 magnetometer survey, completed in late March.

The geoprobe or "boring" work will be completed by the MDEQ's Geological Services Unit and involves drilling into the ground at various depths to obtain soil and groundwater samples. Soil samples will be obtained using the micro-boring method and will be analyzed for select metals, including arsenic, lead, and mercury. Groundwater samples will be collected using a peristaltic pump from each location at about eight feet below ground level. The GSU crew will also use a gas meter to determine if methane gas can be detected within the open bore hole as well. All micro-soil boring equipment will be cleaned and decontaminated before each use.

According to the MDEQ, geoprobe work will begin Monday, April 23, and take about two weeks to complete. The process to obtain results will take at least six weeks. Some of the sample points will be outside the fenced park to confirm no contamination exists.

Should you have any questions on the information above, please call the Central City Park information line (888) 7CC-PARK. In addition to providing updated information, the telephone line also allows one to voice their questions and concerns and each phone call will be returned by the Mayor's Office. Furthermore, you may always call my office at (734) 467-3200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W R Wild", is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Mayor William R. Wild