

Reply to Common Council File No. 081056
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

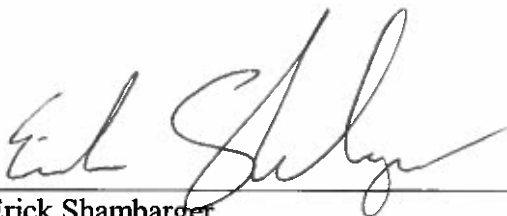
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Common Council File 081056 is a resolution authorizing \$600,000 in Contingent Borrowing for Flow Reduction Projects in the Sewer Maintenance Fund. This funding, originally approved as part of the 2005 budget, was unspent due to low participation in the downspout and foundation footing drain disconnection pilot projects. The 2005 authorization expired at the end of 2008. A portion of the reauthorized funds will be used to fund a pilot project to rehabilitate sewer laterals that may be contributing bacterial contamination to the Honey Creek. The purpose of the pilot is to both improve water quality and test a new sewer rehabilitation technology.

Deteriorating sewer laterals on private property throughout the city contribute Infiltration & Inflow (I&I) to the regional sewer system. Developing a citywide solution to this issue will require additional analysis of technical, financial, and policy issues. The \$600,000 authorization in this file is for pilot purposes only and will provide a partial base of knowledge for addressing the broader regional questions around I&I.

**RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT COMMON COUNCIL FILE NUMBER
081056.**



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