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**PUBLIC NOTICE TO SEWER USERS  
VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE, NY  
Park Lane Residents & Owners**

New York City Department of Environmental Protection in coordination with the Village of Tannersville will be conducting some tests to check for sewer deficiencies suspected at a location on Park Lane. This will determine if storm or ground water may be entering the sanitary sewer system at that location or adjacent locations. Storm water or ground water, sometimes referred to as "inflow," can enter the system during periods of wet weather through many sources including catch basins, damaged manholes, roof leaders, sump pumps, and basement drains. When present in excessive amounts, inflow increases the cost to operate the sewer system. Inflow can also impede sewage treatment and contribute to undesirable backups in the sewer system. Smoke testing of the sanitary sewer systems will help to locate these sources of inflow to the system.

The smoke testing operation involves blowing smoke into the sanitary sewer system and monitoring where the smoke exits to determine leaks. The smoke is non-toxic, non-staining, and does not leave a residue. In most cases, smoke will not enter your building unless your plumbing is defective. If you have a drain in your basement (such as a sink or a shower) that has not been used recently, you can prepare for the smoke test by pouring water down the drain to fill the trap. (We recommend that you fill these traps monthly since they prevent unhealthy sewer fumes and odors from entering your home through those drains.) It is not necessary for you to be home during the smoke testing.

If the smoke does enter your building, it will set off smoke detectors. If you are home, open all windows to aid in the ventilation of the smoke, and notify the field crew in the street, which will be easily identified by their orange/green shirts and white truck. The smoke should dissipate in 15 to 20 minutes. Your cooperation and patience will help in expediting the work effort. The Village of Tannersville Code Enforcement Officer and the Fire Department are aware of the work.

Any persons with health concerns or technical questions regarding the testing should contact the representative listed below prior to the testing:

- Matt Burd (845) 340-7269, (347) 263-1596 (cell), [mburd@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:mburd@dep.nyc.gov)

If no one is available to take your phone call, please leave a brief message that includes your name, address, and phone number so that a project representative can contact you and answer any questions or concerns you may have prior to the testing.

Smoke testing will be performed in your neighborhood on July 30, 31, and August 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weather permitting. There may be follow-up visual inspection of manholes, and videotaping from inside the sewer line, photos of smoke, and requests for entry to homes for visual or dye testing inspections during or shortly after the testing.