

Dear Newburgh Village Resident:

In June, with the Livonia Housing Commission's permission, RACER Trust will sample and test groundwater and soil along a small section of North Capital Court in Newburgh Village.

The purpose of this sampling is to determine whether contamination in the groundwater – generally found within 10 feet below the surface of the soil – may be on site and if it is approaching any residential units. If any results show the contamination has entered the Newburgh Village property, RACER will remediate the contamination as part of its responsibilities.

You are cordially invited to attend a neighborhood meeting at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2024, in the Newburgh Village community building to learn and ask questions about this planned environmental sampling in the Village.

As background, RACER Trust was created in March 2011 by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to clean up and position for redevelopment properties owned by the former General Motors Corp. before its 2009 bankruptcy.

Racer has been working in the Grantland Street Neighborhood (north and west of the Village) since 2011 to address contaminated groundwater associated with the former Spring and Bumper Plant on Eckles Road and Amrhein. The contaminated groundwater extends southeast from the former Spring and Bumper Plant property, though recent sampling data shows that the contamination is approaching and may have reached the northern edge of the Newburgh Village property.

RACER is conducting this work under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The sampling process will use small devices installed flush to the ground surface. Once installed, the devices are not expected to interfere with your access or use of North Capital Court. Installing these sampling points and collecting samples for laboratory analysis is the only way to know where the contamination may be located. Once those samples are collected, RACER will share the results and explain if any further work may be necessary.

Please attend this informational meeting. RACER will do its best to answer all your questions, share a suggested schedule for this work, and outline when a follow-up meeting will be scheduled to explain the results of testing.

Sincerely,

James M. Inglis
Livonia Housing Commission

C. Mayor Brosnan, Livonia City Council, LHC Board, LHC Staff, Leadership Staff