



CITY OF CAHOKIA HEIGHTS
Private Sewer Lateral Repair Program
RESIDENT OUTREACH DOCUMENT

Resident Program Overview Notice

No-cost private sewer lateral inspection and repair assistance for eligible property owners

DOCUMENT CONTROL

Prepared for	Resident outreach and IEPA communication-plan support
Purpose	Resident-facing notice for mailing, website posting, meeting handouts, and application packets.
Status	Approved for program implementation
Primary City contact	City of Cahokia Heights - Office of the City Engineer 4300 Bond Avenue, Cahokia Heights, Illinois 62206 Phone: 618-215-7225 Email: sbutler@cahokiaillinois.org

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The City of Cahokia Heights is implementing the Private Sewer Lateral Repair Program to reduce inflow and infiltration (I/I), help prevent sewer backups and sewer overflows, and improve the reliability of the sanitary sewer system.

No-cost eligible repairs: Eligible property owners may receive inspection, repair, replacement, and basic restoration services at no cost, subject to inspection, eligibility, program requirements, available funding, and City approval.

PROGRAM AREA

This pilot program is limited to eligible residential properties within the existing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in the former City of Centreville. Funding is currently available through December 31, 2026. Participation does not increase property taxes. Contact the City at 618-215-7225 or sbutler@cahokiaillinois.org if you have questions about whether your property is within the TIF District.

WHO MAY APPLY

- Any resident (including both renters and property owners) within the area of the Centreville TIF District may apply.
- **Rental properties:** Either the property owner or tenant may apply, but work will occur only after the legal property owner signs all required agreements and authorizations.
- Landlords who apply for the program shall be responsible for notifying tenants and coordinating access, if applicable.
- Application priority: Subject to eligibility and available funding, priority will be given to households with documented medical conditions or related financial hardship residents age 65 or older, low-income households, and properties located in areas experiencing high inflow and infiltration (I/I).

WHAT THE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE

- CCTV or other diagnostic inspection of the private sewer lateral.
- Repair or replacement of defective private sewer lateral segments.
- Installation of cleanouts, caps, backflow prevention devices, or related appurtenances where needed
- Work performed by the City or by a City-approved contractor. Homeowners may opt to select a contractor from the City's pre-approved contractor list and seek reimbursement.
- Basic restoration of disturbed areas to reasonable construction standards. Program documents and the approved property-specific scope will provide additional details regarding restoration work.
- Identification and required disconnection of prohibited clean-water sources.



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Contact the City to request information or application materials (City contact below).
2. If the applicant is a renter, the legal property owner must sign all required agreements and authorizations before work may occur.
3. Submit the required program application materials.
4. Sign the Property Access & Participation Agreement if City-completed work is requested.
5. Await City review, eligibility confirmation, inspection, pre-approval, and scheduling.
6. For homeowner-directed work or reimbursement, receive City pre-approval before work begins and use a City pre-qualified contractor.

CLEAN-WATER CONNECTIONS THAT MUST BE DISCONNECTED

Clean-water sources must not discharge into the sanitary sewer system and must be disconnected before work can be completed or reimbursement can be approved. Clean-water sources may include:

- Downspouts
- Sump pumps
- Foundation drains
- Driveway drains
- Yard drains

AFTER REPAIRS

After repairs are completed, property owners remain responsible for long-term maintenance of the private sewer lateral and any installed equipment, including cleanouts, caps, and backflow prevention devices.

REQUIRED CONSENT DECREE LEGAL NOTICE

This project was undertaken in connection with the settlement of an enforcement action, United States et al. v. City of Cahokia Heights, taken on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Illinois to enforce the Clean Water Act and the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.

CONTACT

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