

MITA Underground Funding News Summary September 15, 2016 – October 18, 2016



Mike Thompson Cartoon Gallery
[Detroit Free Press](#)

Inland Sewers May Be Separated

[Grosse Pointe News](#)

October 13, 2016

The inland sewer district in Grosse Pointe Farms is studying sewer water flow volume as the basis for separating the area's storm water and sewage lines to cut the chances of basement flooding during downpours.

How We're Fixing Michigan's Infrastructure

[The Detroit News](#)

September 20, 2016

This opinion piece was written by Evan Weiner, chief operating officer and executive vice president of Edw. C. Levy Co. and chair of the Michigan 21st Century Infrastructure Commission. "For Michigan to have a robust economy, healthy communities, and a clean environment, we must take action to improve Michigan's infrastructure," he said.

After All That Southeast Michigan Rain Get Ready For Sewer Overflows

[Detroit Free Press](#)

October 3, 2016

Significant sewer overflows are on tap after the recent storms, according to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The overflows discharge into Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and their tributaries, Lake Erie and beyond. The sewer overflows eventually dump into the lakes or the river, which is the source of the regions drinking water for those residents further downstream.

Lodge Freeway Still Flooded With Poop Water

[Detroit Free Press](#)

September 29, 2016

The northbound Lodge Freeway after Jefferson in the tunnel under Cobo Center remains closed because it's covered with a mix of rain and sewage water.

So Why Do Metro Detroit's Highways Keep Flooding?

[Detroit Free Press](#)

September 29, 2016

MDOT's deputy region engineer noted that freeway flooding is caused by pumps being overwhelmed, due in part because of the increasing frequency of heavy storms. The infrastructure was not built to handle these storms, such as the I-94 pump house with the date 1965 stamped on it.

\$158 Million In Low-Interest Loans Awarded For Water Infrastructure Investment

[Mlive](#)

September 17, 2016

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is awarding \$158 million in low-interest loans to 15 projects across the state. The loans are part of the state's 30-year [Water Strategy](#) for the protection and use of the state's water resources.

Our Lakes Neighbors Must Report Their Spills

[The Times Herald Editorial Board](#)

September 20, 2016

Not every municipality around the Great Lakes that has combined sewer systems is required to report its sewage spills, but consistent reporting is essential because "combined sewers get separated and pollution spewing outfalls get cleaned up when everyone up and downstream knows what is coming out of them."

Is Raw Sewage Lurking In The Waters Of Lake St. Clair?

[WXYZ TV](#)

September 20, 2016

This over six minute video report includes an interview with a man who has been trying to save Lake St. Clair for over 20 years and others.

Unfiltered Water From Lead Pipes Is Unsafe, Prof says

[Detroit Free Press](#)

September 28, 2016

All lead pipes should be replaced, not just in Flint, but across the nation, according to the Virginia Tech scientist who raised alarms about contamination of Flint's drinking water.

Federal Money For Flint Inches Closer

[Michigan Radio](#)

September 28, 2016

The House approved its version of the Water Resources Development Act, and the U.S. Senate has already passed their version. A House and Senate conference committee will work out the differences between the bills, and final action on the bill will take place after the November election.

Editorial: Send Flint Relief Residents Deserve

[The Detroit News](#)

September 27, 2016

"This isn't the time for a partisan slug-fest," according to this editorial, which emphasizes Flint's need for federal funding to address their water crisis.

Senate Dems Threaten Shutdown Over Flint Aid

[The Detroit News](#)

September 27, 2016

Senate Democrats on Tuesday blocked a vote to advance a short-term federal government funding bill over its exclusion of \$220 million in aid that would in part help Flint.

Editorial: House Should Move Flint Relief Bills

[The Detroit News](#)

September 22, 2016

Proposed House legislation would send \$100 million to Flint for its water infrastructure.

Stabenow, Peters Slam GOP Senate For Dropping Flint Aid

[The Detroit News](#)

September 22, 2016

Michigan's Democratic senators criticized leaders of the Republican-controlled Senate for excluding Flint assistance in a short-term federal budget bill.