Wayne County Sewer Use & Part 41 Permit Review Jurisdiction Summary
1 October 2018

A Part 41 (1994 PA 451) permit and plan review by Wayne County is required for any wastewater facility construction project that lies within a sanitary sewer service area under the jurisdiction of Wayne County. Wayne County plan review approval is required for all community wastewater projects tributary to:

a. Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System: Canton Township, Dearborn Heights (part), Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Novi (part), Redford Township, Romulus (part), Van Buren Township (part), Wayne, and Westland, and
b. Fox Creek Enclosure: Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe.
c. Southgate-Wyandotte Relief Drains Drainage District (SWRDDD): Southgate (part) and Wyandotte
d. Ecorse Creek Pollution Abatement District No. 1: Dearborn Heights (part) and Taylor (part).

There are two areas within Wayne County where wastewater facility construction projects are subject to jurisdiction in addition to Wayne County:

1. A community whose sewer service is provided by Oakland County’s Huron-Rouge Sewage Disposal System and is tributary to Wayne County’s Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System: Novi (part) and Novi Township. For these areas, dual Part 41 permit reviews by Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (OCWRC) and Wayne County are required. The applicant should submit the original application package to OCWRC in accordance with their application requirements. Upon their review and approval of the package, OCWRC will forward the application package to Wayne County for review and approval.

2. A community whose sewer service is provided by both the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) Sewage Disposal System and RVDS: Canton Township, Northville Township, and Plymouth Township. Dual Part 41 permit reviews by WTUA and Wayne County are required. The applicant should submit an approval letter from WTUA along with an original application package to Wayne County.

Maps of sanitary sewer service areas under the jurisdiction of Wayne County, along with the Part 41 permit application, checklist, and other supporting information, are available from https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/environmental/permits.aspx.

Effective September 28, 2018, Part 41 permit applications for wastewater facility construction projects that lie within the following sanitary sewer service areas are no longer to be submitted to Wayne County:

a. Downriver Sewage Disposal System: Allen Park (part), Belleville, Brownstown Township (part), Dearborn Heights (part), Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Riverview, Romulus (part), River Rouge, Southgate (part), Taylor, and Van Buren Township (part).

Part 41 permit applications must be submitted to the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority. See http://duwauthority.org/permits for more information


Part 41 permit applications must be submitted to the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District, c/o Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc.. Contact Kyle Seidel ((586) 726-1234, kseidel@aewinc.com) or Danny Behnam ((586) 726-1234, dbehnam@aewinc.com) for more information.

Sanitary sewer service in the following communities is tributary to the South Huron Valley Utility Authority (SHVUA) Sewage Disposal System: Brownstown Township (part), Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Huron Township, Van Buren Township (part), and Woodhaven. Accordingly, review of the Part 41 permit is not required by Wayne County for wastewater facilities which are tributary to SHVUA.

Part 41 permit review by Wayne County is not required for wastewater facilities in the following communities who are served by other sewage collection, disposal and treatment systems: Allen Park (part), Dearborn, Detroit, Hamtramck, Harper Woods (part), Highland Park, Grosse Ile, Grosse Pointe Park, Melvindale, Rockwood, Sumpter Twp, and Trenton.