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### **SMOKE TESTING OF SEWER LINES IN SUFFOLK PLANNED**

SUFFOLK, VA (September 17, 2018) Hydrostructures, a contractor working on behalf of the Suffolk Department of Public Utilities, will be smoke testing the sanitary sewer system over the next two weeks within certain areas of the City. All areas scheduled to be smoke tested have been notified with door hangers that describe the upcoming smoke testing efforts.

Smoke testing involves injecting opaque-colored smoke through the sanitary sewer pipes to locate and identify deficiencies that may contribute to sanitary sewer overflows. The smoke used for smoke testing is non-toxic, harmless, and creates no hazard.

During the week of September 17, 2018, smoke testing is scheduled to be conducted in several areas described as: (1) Riverside Estates, (2) Riverfront, (3) Olde Town, the area generally bound by Finney Ave., Holladay Street, East Washington Street, and North Main Street, and (4) Barrett Acres. This area was originally scheduled for the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>, but was changed due to the preparation for and the projected impacts of Hurricane Florence. Residents have been notified of the change in dates.

During the week of September 24, 2018, smoke testing is scheduled to be conducted in several areas described as: (1) Applewood, (2) Harbour View East Village, (3) Hargrove Tavern, (4) Reids Crossing, and (5) Mill Creek Close.

For more information, contact Jarrett Moran, Public Utilities Engineering Manager, at (757) 514-7024. Additional information can be found on the Suffolk Public Utilities website, <https://www.suffolkva.us/publicutilities>, or visit the project website, <https://www.sufmom.com/smoketesting/>.

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