

Town of Highland, Indiana
Summary of Sanitary Sewer Overflows and Property Backups
July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

| Event Number and Type | Date and Time Release Began/Ended | Drainage Basin Location | Location of Release | Description of Area Impacted | Reason for SSO | Amount of Flow Released | Rainfall Information and Classification | Name of Receiving Waters Impacted | Did Highland Follow its Overflow Emergency Response Plan? | Actions Taken to Prevent, Minimize or Mitigate Damage, Including Clean-up and Treatment of Affected Area | Actions Taken or Planned to Prevent Recurrence | Did Highland Exceed its Contractual Peak Flow Rate? | Comments |
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| #1 – SSO | 08-17-2025 4:25 AM to 08-17-2025 6:35 AM | 5 th Street Basin | MH 1230 on 5 th St Interceptor (near 8220 5 th St) | Reached Receiving Water (At 1 Constructed Overflow out of 5 th St San Sewer into 5 th St Storm Sewer) | Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer | 73,863 gal | 3-hr, 8.2 Yr. (2.56 inches Rainfall) | Little Calumet River | Yes | Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 4:25 AM on 08/17/2025 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a level of 6.52 feet by 11:30 AM on 08/17/2025, at which time the valves were opened. The tank was empty by 5:52 PM on 08/17/2025. | Highland Sanitary District is implementing its SSO Remedial Action Plan as part of its Consent Decree with IDEM, EPA and DOJ. Phase 1A of the Plan (relief sewer from N. 5 th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete. | No | |
| #2 – SSO | 08-18-2025 9:36 PM to 08-19-2025 11:36 AM | 5 th Street Basin | MH 1001 on 5 th St Interceptor (near N 5 th St Pump Station) | Reached Receiving Water (Bypass Pumping to Storm Sewer) | Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer | 2,912,470 gal | 72-hr, 45.1 Yr. (6.96 inches Rainfall) | Little Calumet River | Yes | Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 9:15 PM on 08/18/2025 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.17 feet by 10:03 AM on 08/19/2025. The valves were opened at 8:50 AM on 8/20/2025 and the tank was empty by 11:29 PM on 08/20/2025. | Highland Sanitary District is implementing its SSO Remedial Action Plan as part of its Consent Decree with IDEM, EPA and DOJ. Phase 1A of the Plan (relief sewer from N. 5 th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete. | No | |
| #3 – SSO | 08-18-2025 9:50 PM to 08-19-2025 10:15 AM | 5 th Street Basin | MH 1345 on 5 th St Interceptor (near 8505 5 th St) | Reached Receiving Water (At 1 Constructed Overflow out of 5 th St San Sewer into 5 th St Storm Sewer) | Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer | 199,920 gal | 72-hr, 45.1 Yr. (6.96 inches Rainfall) | Little Calumet River | Yes | Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 9:15 PM on 08/18/2025 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.17 feet by 10:03 AM on 08/19/2025. The valves were opened at 8:50 AM on 8/20/2025 and the tank was empty by 11:29 PM on 08/20/2025. | Highland Sanitary District is implementing its SSO Remedial Action Plan as part of its Consent Decree with IDEM, EPA and DOJ. Phase 1A of the Plan (relief sewer from N. 5 th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete. | No | |
| #4 – SSO | 08-18-2025 10:15 PM to 08-19-2025 9:00 PM | 5 th Street Basin | MH 1230 on 5 th St Interceptor (near 8220 5 th St) | Reached Receiving Water (At 1 Constructed Overflow out of 5 th St San Sewer into 5 th St Storm Sewer) | Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer | 2,776,446 gal | 72-hr, 45.1 Yr. (6.96 inches Rainfall) | Little Calumet River | Yes | Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 9:15 PM on 08/18/2025 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.17 feet by 10:03 AM on 08/19/2025. The valves were opened at 8:50 AM on 8/20/2025 and the tank was empty by 11:29 PM on 08/20/2025. | Highland Sanitary District is implementing its SSO Remedial Action Plan as part of its Consent Decree with IDEM, EPA and DOJ. Phase 1A of the Plan (relief sewer from N. 5 th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete. | No | |