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MAJOR SPILL REPORT TO EPD

EPD Watershed Protection Branch

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DATE OF MAJOR SPILL: Thursday, September 26, 2024, 11:00 am – Monday, September 30, 2024, 4:10 pm

REPORT SUBMITTED: Friday, October 4, 2024

LOCATION OF MAJOR SPILL: [3040 Greenbriar Road East](#) - MH IDs: 57511/57510
(Please note that the address used is a reference for the location of the manhole.)

CAUSE OF MAJOR SPILL: The causes of this major spill were hydraulic overload due to heavy rains in the MWA service area and debris (rocks & sand). According to the National Weather Service, from September 25th to September 27th, Macon-Bibb received approximately 7.55 inches of rain.

ESTIMATED VOLUME DISCHARGED: 924,497 gallons
*(Please note that this quantity is only a calculated **estimation** of the volume of sewage that spilled from our system. More sewage may have escaped the system.)*

RECEIVING WATERS: Rocky Creek

SERVICE BASIN AFFECTED: Lower Rocky Creek

WRF SERVICE AREA NPDES PERMIT: GA0024546

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO MITIGATE OR TO REDUCE ADVERSE EFFECTS:

Debris has been removed from the area. The affected area has also been sprayed with an enzyme treatment for organic waste called Bio-Bug.

SPILL STATUS: Sewage is no longer escaping.

SIGNS POSTED: Thursday, September 26, 2024

CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO PREVENT FUTURE SPILL: After thorough investigations and once water subsided in a nearby creek, MWA discovered a 5-foot hole in the sewer main that crosses the creek which allowed water, rocks, and sand to infiltrate the sewer system. The pipe segment was repaired on October 2, 2024. This site will continue to be monitored on our Hotspot Inspection List.

MONITORING INITIATED: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

MEDIA / HEALTH DEPARTMENT / OTHERS NOTIFIED: Macon Telegraph, WMAZ (TV), WMGT (Radio), WGXA, Macon-Bibb County Health Department, State of Georgia Health Department

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Bryan Jones