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To City of Algonac Property Owners:

The Army Corp of Engineers continues to predict that 2020 water levels will be higher than last year.

Algonac property owners are advised to plan now to not only protect their homes but also take measures to prevent water from their property from adversely affecting their neighbors or the public streets. The city of Algonac local flood emergency declared in June 2019 is still in effect per city ordinance 10-281.

Excess water cannot be discharged into the sanitary sewer system. The Waste Water Treatment Plant in Algonac is designed to handle the disposal of waste water from the sanitary sewer system. It is not designed to drain property due to flooding.

Property owners should be aware that it is illegal to:

- Connect a sump pump or any other pump to drain water into the sanitary sewer;
- Use open cleanouts to drain yards into the sanitary sewer; and
- Lift manhole covers to allow surface water entry into the sanitary sewer;

Increased flows to the sanitary sewer can cause sewer back ups in homes and pollution into the St. Clair River upon discharge.

The city of Algonac will be focused on preventing injury or loss of life and assisting with the reduction of public and private property loss due to flooding. Information will be provided via the city website (www.cityofalgonac.org), Facebook and press releases to inform the community of flood conditions and related information as necessary.

Frequently asked questions regarding sandbags can be found on the city website at www.cityofalgonac.org.

The recent high-water levels have been a challenge for everyone. Please work cooperatively with your neighbors as we prepare for these exceptional conditions. If you have questions, please contact afd@cityofalgonac.org or dpw@cityofalgonac.org.