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City of Lowell flooding update.

Lowell, Michigan, March 2, 2018 – As of Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., the City of Lowell terminated discharging storm water and sanitary sewer into the Grand River. Approximately 19.1 million gallons of infiltrated floodwater and sanitary sewer were discharged from the collection system during this event. This action also occurred during the 2013 flooding.

Bypassing the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant became necessary during last week's flooding to prevent stormwater and sanitary sewer from backing up into resident's basements and to also prevent overwhelming the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The 18.2 foot flood crest on February 24, 2018, was the fourth highest historic flood crest to impact the City of Lowell in 80 years of recordkeeping. Per the Sanitary Sewer Overflow permit, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Kent County Health Departments have also been notified that the discharge pumping has ceased.

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