

## FOG PROGRAM

The City of Sanford's "Fats, Oils, and Grease Program" has been in effect for nine years. The purpose of the program is to prevent the accumulation of fats, oils, and grease in the sanitary sewer system. We have 167 commercial facilities with 178 grease traps participating in the program. Our FOG coordinator inspected 87 grease traps this year and 413,100 gallons of grease-containing fluids were removed through routine maintenance.

Sanford did not experience any sewer overflows this year due to grease.

All of us can work together to protect the environment and maintain the sewer infrastructure.

## YOU CAN HELP!

Please follow these guidelines:

- *Collect fat, oils, and grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.*
- *Place personal hygiene products and diapers in a wastebasket. Do not flush plastics.*
- *Place food scraps in the trash or start a compost area. Use the garbage disposal as little as possible.*
- *Don't pour hazardous materials, such as pesticides, paint, and herbicides down the drain.*
- *Check before you dig! Do not plant trees, shrubs, and other vegetation or erect fences and other structures on or near sewer lines, easements, or manholes.*

## SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

The Big Buffalo Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion project is proceeding as planned. The \$48 million project will increase plant treatment capacity from 6.8 million gallons per day to 12 million gallons per day. The contract completion time is May of 2014 however the contractors feel they will finish well before then.

The City continued its rehabilitation efforts by completing a number of projects that replaced old manholes and sewer lines.

### *City of Sanford Public Works Center*

*601 N. Fifth Street, Sanford, NC 27330*

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*Operator in Responsible Charge, Collection*

*Phone (919) 777-1209*

*Permit #NC0024147/#WQCS00047*

### *Big Buffalo Wastewater Treatment Plant*

*5327 Iron Furnace Road, Sanford, NC 27330*

*Jay Grainger*

*Operator in Responsible Charge,*

*Wastewater Treatment Plant*

*Phone (919) 775-8305*

*Permit #NC0024147/#WQ0000543*

#### *Community Participation*

You are invited to participate in our public forum and voice your concerns about wastewater treatment. The City of Sanford Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7 P.M. at City Hall, 225 East Weatherspoon Street, Sanford, NC.

#### *Information on the Internet:*

Visit the City of Sanford's Web site to view and print this report at ([www.sanfordnc.net](http://www.sanfordnc.net)) and for information on all city departments and departmental contacts. Also, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has a Web site ([www.ehn.state.nc.us](http://www.ehn.state.nc.us)) that provides complete and current information on water and wastewater issues in North Carolina.

#### *City of Sanford Public Access Channel*

Please view the City of Sanford's Public Access Channel on Charter Cablevision Channel 11 for coverage of Council meetings, sewer and water construction activities, street closings, community announcements, and other information relevant to City activities.

For more information about this report, copies, or any questions relating to the wastewater treatment system, please call Laura Spivey, Public Works Administrator, at (919) 777-1116

*We certify that this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge.*

*It is being mailed to The NC Division of Water Quality and to all City of Sanford wastewater customers.*

*The report is also available at City Hall, the Public Works Center, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.*



# ANNUAL WASTEWATER REPORT

*Wastewater System Performance 2012-2013*

# The City of Sanford's Annual Wastewater Treatment and Collection System Report

The City of Sanford is pleased to provide an overview detailing the operation, maintenance and performance of your municipal Water Reclamation Facility and Wastewater Collection System. This report gives us the opportunity to keep you informed and to meet our State compliance requirements.

## Big Buffalo Wastewater Reclamation Facility

### Treatment Process

Sanford's Big Buffalo Wastewater Reclamation Facility is an advanced treatment facility with a permitted capacity of 6.8 million gallons per day. This past fiscal year we treated over 1.5 billion gallons of wastewater. This is an average of 4.109 million gallons a day. This facility treats waste from eighteen thousand residential customers, fifteen schools and fifteen industries in Sanford. Physical, biological, and chemical processes at the plant treat wastewater before it is released into the environment.

The reclaimed water is disinfected by a chlorination process and safely de-chlorinated prior to being discharged through an outfall pipe into the Deep River under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit (NPDES) number NC0024147.

### Staffing

Critical plant equipment is monitored twenty-four hours a day by thirteen highly trained and certified employees at the Big Buffalo WRF. Employees are certified by the State of North Carolina for proficiency in plant operation, pump station maintenance, laboratory analysis, land application of biosolids, and pretreatment management. City employees are on duty twenty-four hours, seven days per week monitoring all system activity from the plant control room. The Big Buffalo staff together has a combination of 167 years of experience.

### Biosolids

The nutrient-rich organic materials resulting from the treatment of domestic sewage at the Big buffalo WRF are called biosolids. Recycling these biosolids is the most environmentally friendly and cost effective method for the City to manage its biosolids. These solids are converted to a dense residue, removed, and reused on permitted land. Sanford has 13 permitted fields for recycling of biosolids. This fiscal year we applied 619.24 dry tons to 13 fields which equals 313.2 acres of land in Lee, Chatham, and Montgomery Counties.

### Reuse Program

Sanford's reuse program decreases the amount of nutrients and flow discharged into the river. Treated wastewater in recent years has been used to irrigate the local municipal golf course. The City is also looking into expanding its reclaimed water usage to industries in an effort to curb overall water usage, free up more capacity in the river, and to extend the life of the wastewater plant. We have asked local industries to examine the feasibility of introducing the use of reclaimed water into their operations.

## Pretreatment Program and Facility Lab

### Pretreatment Program

Pretreatment programs help water reclamation facilities maintain the requirements of water quality before it is returned to the river basin. Big Buffalo WRF is designed to handle domestic waste. Therefore, industries that produce certain amounts of non domestic waste are required to have a permit for disposal. We currently have ten industries in the program. The City issues permits to these industries specifying the parameters of concern and flow limitations. Staff conducts routine monitoring and inspections of these industries to ensure compliance.

### Laboratory Analysis

Sanford's reclamation facility maintains a certified analytical laboratory approved by the State of North Carolina and the EPA. Our lab is certified to perform environmental analysis and report monitoring data to the Division of Water Quality for compliance with NPDES effluent and pretreatment regulations. Technicians observe wastewater discharge at local industries in order to monitor compliance, and laboratory personnel monitor the effluent daily by testing twenty wastewater parameters. All data reported this year was in compliance with the NPDES permit.

## WASTEWATER SPILLS JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013

| DATE  | DURATION     | CAUSE                    | GAL. SPILLED | GAL. TO STREAM | LOCATION                                  |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|---|
| 1/23/13   | 2 hrs        | Vandalism                | 1,000        | 300            | Behind 700 Westover                       |
| 4/11/13   | 1 hr 20 min  | Roots                    | 800          | 700            | MH# 712 on Outfall off Pathway Drive      |
| 6/7/13  | 3 hrs        | Severe natural Condition | 2,700        | 2,700          | 305 Rose Street (Little Buffalo creek)    |
| 6/7/13  | 2 hrs        | Severe natural Condition | 550          | 550            | Hickory and Market (Little Buffalo creek) |
| 6/7/13  | 1 hr 40 min  | Severe natural Condition | 250          | 250            | Maple and Jenkins (Little Buffalo creek)  |
| 6/7/13  | 2 hrs        | Severe natural Condition | 1,200        | 1,200          | 522 Sunset (Little Buffalo Creek)         |
| 6/7/13  | 2 hrs 55 min | Severe natural Condition | 600          | 600            | MH# 2173 at Third and Alcott Streets      |
| 6/7/13  | 2 hrs 55 min | Severe natural Condition | 600          | 600            | MH# 2142 at Third and Alcott              |
| <b>TOTAL SPILLED</b>  |              |                          | <b>7,700</b> | <b>6,900</b>   |   |
| <b>Notes:</b>   |              |                          |              |                |   |
| *Spill is not reportable to State if 1,000 gallons or less & does not reach surface waters.               |              |                          |              |                |   |
| **Spill is reportable to State if over 1,000 gallons, or if any amount reaches surface waters.            |              |                          |              |                |   |
| ***Annual Wastewater Report only requires spills over 1,000 gallons reaching surface waters to be listed. |              |                          |              |                |   |

Sanford had eight wastewater spills this past fiscal year. The volume of wastewater spilled was 7,700 gallons. The volume that reached the stream was 6,900 gallons. The spills were caused by heavy rainfall from tropical storm Andrea.

## COLLECTION SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

### Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)

On a daily basis approximately 4 million gallons of wastewater moves through the collection system from bathtubs, showers, kitchen sinks, toilets, washing machines, and dishwashers from homes and businesses to the Big Buffalo WRF.

Sanford has a wastewater collection system with a total of 255 miles of gravity wastewater lines and pressurized force mains ranging in diameter from six inches to thirty-six inches. This system also encompasses nine sewer lift stations and 4,700 manholes.

Sanitary sewer overflows occur when wastewater escapes from the sanitary sewer system to the ground.

Sanitary sewer overflow reasons...

- Heavy rainfall accumulation
- Pump station malfunction
- Tree roots
- Debris in lines
- Structural damage
- Vandalism
- Grease
- Electrical failures

### Sewer Collection System Activities

The City of Sanford's Sewer Construction and Maintenance Department performs routine and preventative maintenance on the collection system daily and are on call for any problems with the system twenty four hours a day. This department consists of twelve highly trained and certified employees with a combination of 148 years of experience.

Routine maintenance:

- Responded to 303 sewer backup or stoppage investigations
- Jetted 38 miles of sewer main
- Staff mowed 27 miles of right-of-way, inspected 59 miles of priority (aerial) lines, and inspected 35 miles of collection lines.
- Smoke tested 2 miles of line and videoed 2.5 miles of line.