

Town of Highland, Indiana
Summary of Sanitary Sewer Overflows and Property Backups
January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026

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
#1 – SSO	03-06-2026 6:40 PM to 03-06-2026 11:40 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1230 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8220 5th 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	739,740 gal	2-hr, 5.3 Yr. (2.11 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 6:50 PM on 03/06/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.25 feet by 1:38 PM on 03/07/2026. The valves were opened at 12:30 PM on 03/09/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	
#2 – SSO	03-06-2026 7:55 PM to 03-06-2026 8:55 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1345 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8505 5th 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	19,341 gal	2-hr, 5.3 Yr. (2.11 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 6:50 PM on 03/06/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.25 feet by 1:38 PM on 03/07/2026. The valves were opened at 12:30 PM on 03/09/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	
#3 – SSO	03-15-2026 10:00 PM to 03-16-2026 3:45 AM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1230 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8220 5th 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	567,919 gal	10-day, 3.1 Yr. (5.20 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 9:48 PM on 03/15/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 9.42 feet by 9:46 AM on 03/16/2026. The valves were opened at 10:00 AM on 03/16/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	
#4 – SSO	04-04-2026 1:35 PM to 04-04-2026 3:20 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1230 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8220 5th 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	82,634 gal	5-day, 8.4 mo. (2.95 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 7:15 AM on 04/04/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.37 feet by 04:27 PM on 04/04/2026. The valves were opened at 09:00 AM on 04/06/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	
#5 – SSO	06-11-2026 3:25 PM to 06-12-2026 12:25 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1230 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8220 5th 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, Equipment Failure	1,653,227 gal	72-hr, 12.4 Yr. (5.15 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 3:20 PM on 06/11/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.27 feet by 8:00 AM on 06/12/2026. The valves were opened at 4:45 PM on 06/13/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.

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#6 – SSO	06-11-2026 4:05 PM to 06-12-2026 12:40 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1001 on 5th St Interceptor (near N 5th St Lift Station)	Reached Receiving Water (Bypass Pumping to Storm Sewer)	Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer, Equipment Failure	2,353,686 gal	72-hr, 12.4 Yr. (5.15 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 3:20 PM on 06/11/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.27 feet by 8:00 AM on 06/12/2026. The valves were opened at 4:45 PM on 06/13/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.
#7 – SSO	06-11-2026 8:30 PM to 06-11-2026 11:45 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1345 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8505 5th 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, Equipment Failure	86,445 gal	72-hr, 12.4 Yr. (5.15 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 3:20 PM on 06/11/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.27 feet by 8:00 AM on 06/12/2026. The valves were opened at 4:45 PM on 06/13/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.
#8 – SSO	06-14-2026 10:45 AM to 06-14-2026 8:55 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1230 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8220 5th 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, Equipment Failure	901,887 gal	10-day 13.3 Yr. (6.97 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 2:41 AM on 06/14/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.25 feet by 4:35 PM on 06/14/2026. The valves were opened at 8:45 AM on 06/15/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.
#9 – SSO	06-17-2026 4:30 PM to 06-18-2026 3:20 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1230 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8220 5th 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, Equipment Failure	2,881,201 gal	10-day, 46.3 Yr. (9.05 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 4:28 PM on 06/17/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.34 feet by 7:50 AM on 06/18/2026. The valves were opened at 7:45 AM on 06/19/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.
#10 – SSO	06-17-2026 4:30 PM to 06-17-2026 10:35 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1345 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8505 5th 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, Equipment Failure	174,171 gal	10-day, 46.3 Yr. (9.05 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 4:28 PM on 06/17/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.34 feet by 7:50 AM on 06/18/2026. The valves were opened at 7:45 AM on 06/19/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.

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#11 – SSO	06-17-2026 4:38 PM to 06-18-2026 12:38 AM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1001 on 5th St Interceptor (near N 5th St Lift Station)	Reached Receiving Water (Bypass Pumping to Storm Sewer)	Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer, Equipment Failure	1,630,640 gal	10-day, 46.3 Yr. (9.05 inches Rainfall)	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 4:28 PM on 06/17/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.34 feet by 7:50 AM on 06/18/2026. The valves were opened at 7:45 AM on 06/19/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.
#12 – SSO	06-21-2026 7:45 PM to 06-23-2026 3:35 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1230 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8220 5th 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, Equipment Failure	5,619,402 gal	10-day, 15.6 Yr. (7.18 inches Rainfall) [12.19 inches Rainfall in 17 days]	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 8:07 PM on 06/21/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.40 feet by 7:44 AM on 06/22/2026. The valves were opened at 1:45 AM on 06/24/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.
#13 – SSO	06-21-2026 8:42 PM to 06-22-2026 2:16 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1001 on 5th St Interceptor (near N 5th St Lift Station)	Reached Receiving Water (Bypass Pumping to Storm Sewer)	Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer, Equipment Failure	3,372,647 gal	10-day, 15.6 Yr. (7.18 inches Rainfall) [12.19 inches Rainfall in 17 days]	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 8:07 PM on 06/21/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.40 feet by 7:44 AM on 06/22/2026. The valves were opened at 1:45 AM on 06/24/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.
#14 – SSO	06-21-2026 8:45 PM to 06-22-2026 6:45 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1345 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8505 5th 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, Equipment Failure	550,409 gal	10-day, 15.6 Yr. (7.18 inches Rainfall) [12.19 inches Rainfall in 17 days]	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 8:07 PM on 06/21/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.40 feet by 7:44 AM on 06/22/2026. The valves were opened at 1:45 AM on 06/24/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	One of the three pumps at the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs.
#15 – SSO	06-22-2026 1:07 AM to 06-22-2026 4:06 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 4001 (41st Street Lift Station)	Reached Receiving Water (Bypass Pumping to Storm Sewer)	Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer	388,963 gal	10-day, 15.6 Yr. (7.18 inches Rainfall) [12.19 inches Rainfall in 17 days]	Cady Marsh Ditch	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 8:07 PM on 06/21/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.40 feet by 7:44 AM on 06/22/2026. The valves were opened at 1:45 AM on 06/24/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	

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#16 – SSO	06-24-2026 9:56 PM to 06-25-2026 6:49 AM	5 th Street Basin	MH 4001 (41st Street Lift Station)	Reached Receiving Water (Bypass Pumping to Storm Sewer)	Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer	242,064 gal	10-day, 11.4 Yr. (6.80 inches Rainfall) [13.77 inches Rainfall in 20 days]	Cady Marsh Ditch	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 7:55 PM on 06/24/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.18 feet by 8:00 AM on 06/25/2026. The valves were opened at 8:40 AM on 06/29/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	
#17 – SSO	06-24-2026 11:30 PM to 06-25-2026 12:10 PM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1230 on 5th St Interceptor (near 8220 5th 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, Equipment Failure	1,064,291 gal	10-day, 11.4 Yr. (6.80 inches Rainfall) [13.77 inches Rainfall in 20 days]	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 7:55 PM on 06/24/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.18 feet by 8:00 AM on 06/25/2026. The valves were opened at 8:40 AM on 06/29/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	While the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs, temporary pumps were in place to convey wastewater around the lift station and back into the force main to HSD at a similar rate.
#18 – SSO	06-25-2026 11:10 AM to 06-25-2026 11:52 AM	5 th Street Basin	MH 1001 on 5th St Interceptor (near N 5th St Lift Station)	Reached Receiving Water (Bypass Pumping to Storm Sewer)	Rainfall, Excessive I/I, Under Capacity Sewer, Equipment Failure	127,575 gal	10-day, 11.4 Yr. (6.80 inches Rainfall) [13.77 inches Rainfall in 20 days]	Little Calumet River	Yes	Closed valves on LaPorte Street Underground Storage Tank at 7:55 PM on 06/24/2026 to hold back flow from L&J Sanitary Lift Station to minimize volume of overflows. The tank filled to a peak level of 10.18 feet by 8:00 AM on 06/25/2026. The valves were opened at 8:40 AM on 06/29/2026 to start draining the tank.	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. 5th Lift Station to 81st/Johnston) is complete.	No	While the N. 5 th St Lift Station was out of service for repairs, temporary pumps were in place to convey wastewater around the lift station and back into the force main to HSD at a similar rate.