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City Surveys the Use of Septic Systems

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg is surveying city homeowners on their use of septic systems.

The Public Works Department, in partnership with the Public Utilities Department, is surveying residents who have septic systems or have connected to the sanitary sewer system from a septic system.

This survey will allow the city to account for water quality improvements made by homes that have connected to the sanitary sewer system. Septic to sanitary connections are particularly helpful in removing nitrogen from the watershed. The connections also help the city to meet the Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load (TMDL) pollutant reduction goals. It will also gauge how interested homeowners with septic systems are in connecting to the city’s sanitary sewer system.

“After this process, we hope to have a better understanding of how many homeowners have a septic sewer system and educate the community on the benefits of connecting to the sanitary sewer system,” explained Kelley Junco, public works environmental compliance manager.

Those interested in participating can take the survey by visiting www.BeHeardHarrisonburg.org. The survey will be open to city homeowners until Friday, August 25.

For additional information on the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and the city’s stormwater management program, please visit <https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/stormwater-management-program>.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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