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August 27, 2021

Mayor and Council
Borough of Ringwood
60 Margaret King Avenue
Ringwood, NJ 07456

Dear Mayor and Council:

We have been talking about groundwater infiltration in the streets in the James Drive area for two years. This is not a new problem and is separate from the James Drive Treatment Plant upgrade required by the DEP.

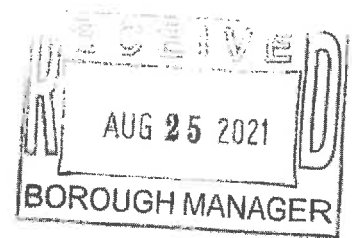
Enclosed please find letter of Chapman Environmental Services dated August 24, 2021. Chapman Environmental Services manages our plant and reported that after the August 22, 2021 storm, they observed a spill of approximately 3,000 gallons of sewage onto the James Drive Treatment Plant property.

While the spill did not impact any storm drains or waterways and did not leave the property, we urgently need to fund the investigation to find where the groundwater runoff is entering our pipes and ultimately repair the collection system.

As the Borough Manager, without funding, there is nothing I can do to solve this problem.

Regards,


Scott M. Heck, C.P.W.M.
Borough Manager/Director of Public Works



August 24, 2021

Administrator of Water Compliance and Enforcement Element
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
401 E. State Street, 4th Floor East
PO Box 422
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: 5 Day Notice – August 2021
Ringwood Acres Treatment Plant
NJPDES Permit No. NJ0027006

Dear Mr. Ashie

On Monday, August 23, 2021 at approximately 8:00am, the licensed operator found the treatment plant to be overflowing due to the recent storm and precipitation in the area (3.27 inches).

A spill of approximately 3,000 gallons of sewage was observed. The spill did not impact any storm drains or waterways, and did not leave the property. Cleanup was completed following the end of the rain event.

The NJDEP hotline was called receiving NJDEP Case Number 21-08-23-1109-43. If we could be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please contact our office at 732-291-7773.

Sincerely,
Chapman, Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kristi Sorrentino'.

Kristi Sorrentino
Principal Scientist