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Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 1:34 PM
To: Schrank, Jayson S - DNR; Eaton, John M - DNR; Leigh, Erika L - DNR
Cc: Turchi, Tom
Subject: RE: Spill/discharge - Marshfield Utilities
Attachments: 2023.09.22 Illicit Discharge - MJA.pdf

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Jayson,

Please see the attached report regarding this incident.

Thank you,

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From: Schrank, Jayson S - DNR <jayson.schrank@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 9:36 AM
To: Turchi, Tom <Tom.Turchi@ci.marshfield.wi.us>; Eaton, John M - DNR <john.eaton@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Leigh, Erika L - DNR <erika.leigh@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Spill/discharge - Marshfield Utilities

Good morning Tom – have you received any updates at to what the yellow substance was and was it able to be recovered?

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From: Turchi, Tom <Tom.Turchi@ci.marshfield.wi.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 8:52 AM
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Cc: Schrank, Jayson S - DNR <jayson.schrank@wisconsin.gov>; Leigh, Erika L - DNR <erika.leigh@wisconsin.gov>
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John,
I will have staff look into it.
Initial thought that due to the milky color that it may be drilling mud from boring operations as we have 3 companies putting in fiber this summer.
We will let you know if we find the source.
Tom

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From: Eaton, John M - DNR <john.eaton@wisconsin.gov>
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Cc: Schrank, Jayson S - DNR <jayson.schrank@wisconsin.gov>; Leigh, Erika L - DNR <erika.leigh@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Spill/discharge - Marshfield Utilities
Importance: High

Good morning Tom,

We received a spill hotline call last night for a discharge into the creek immediately adjacent to the new Marshfield Utilities construction site, off of Wildwood Park drive. Please see attached photos. There is a yellowish substance discharging apparently from the large culverts that run beneath the utilities parking lot – we are unsure of the amount of substance or what it is right now.

With the potential for this being an illicit discharge, could you please look into this asap and let me know if you are able to determine anything about the nature of this? Is there any construction still ongoing at the new Utilities building?

Thank you,
John

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September 25, 2023

Discharge review at Storm Sewer Outfall MJA

In an e-mail dated September 21, 2003, Josh Eaton from the Wisconsin DNR relayed a tip from the spill hotline called in the night of September 20, 2023. The caller submitted photos of cloudy water at Storm Sewer Outfall MJA. Upon inspection the morning of September 21, the cloudiness was no longer visible, and no trace was found upstream.

A few hours later on 09/21, we observed a similar occurrence downstream of the initially-reported site. We assumed it was the same substance that had flowed downstream, however we were not able to obtain a sample.

Due to the size of the upstream storm sewer network and drainage area, it was impossible to locate any possible source of this discharge upstream of the observation.

We received several inches of rain over the weekend (on 09/23 and 09/24). We did not observe any further sign of this cloudiness, and it has most certainly been diluted and washed downstream.

Josh A. Mauritz, P.E.
City Engineer

MJA Outfall

MJA Photo 1

MJA Photo 2

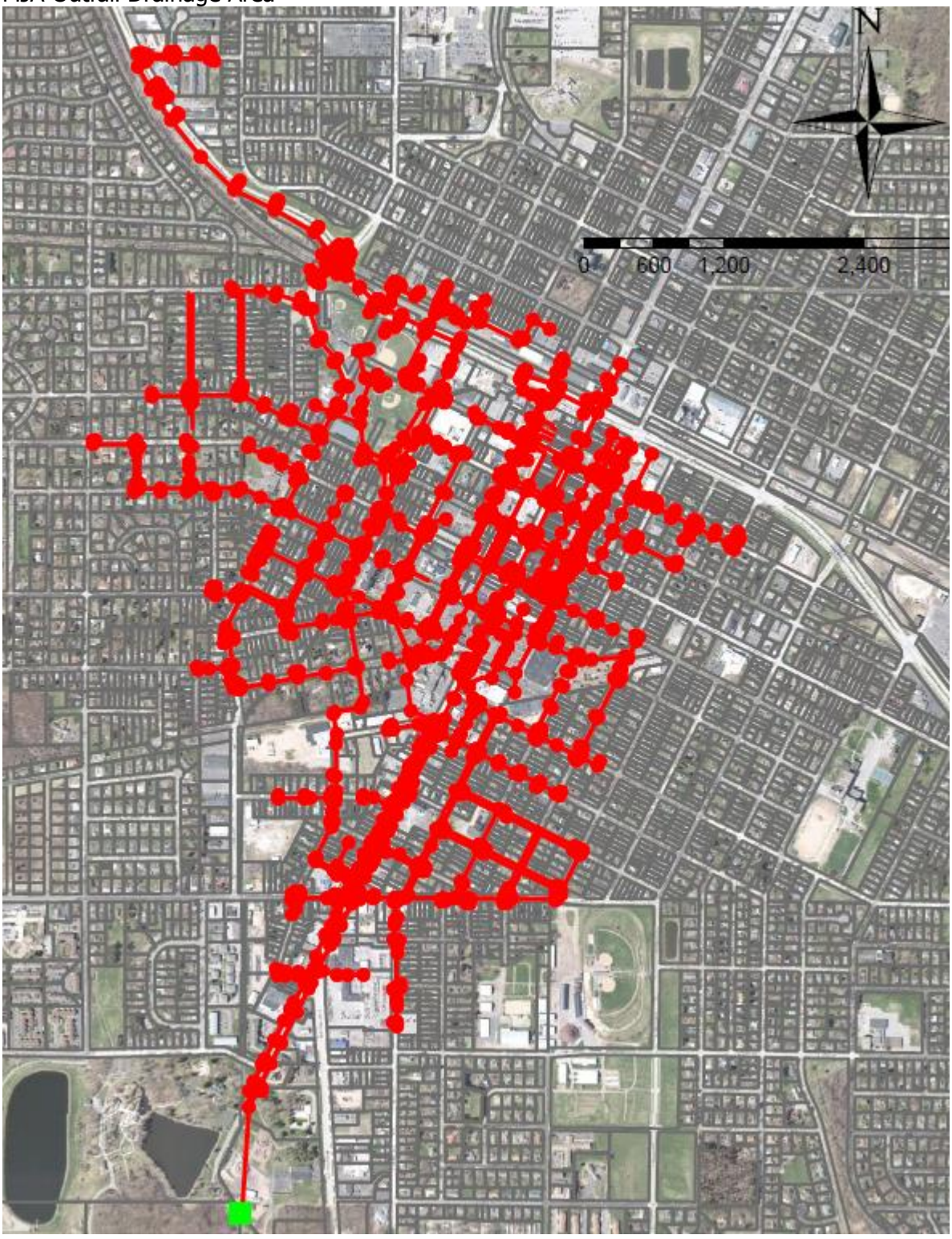
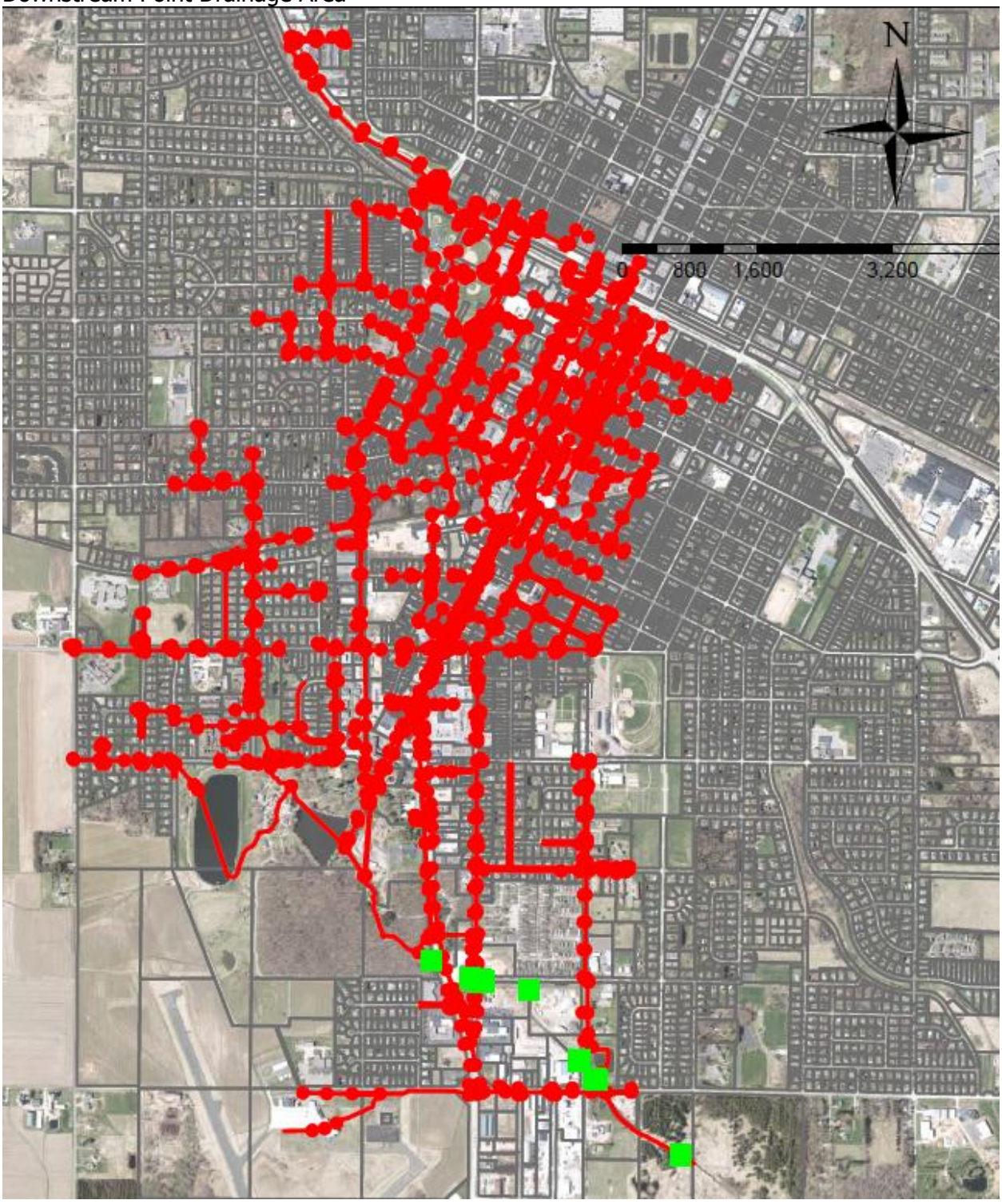
MJA Photo 3

Downstream Observation Location

Observation Photo 1

Observation Photo 2

MJA Outfall Drainage Area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