



February 4, 2025

Dear Property Owner,

The City of New Albany is evaluating a project called the Morse Mink Express Sewer to support the existing sanitary sewer system. The project will move wastewater from the northeastern part of New Albany to the trunk sewer connection in the City of Columbus. The majority of the project will be tunnel construction (meaning no surface disturbance). In order to thoroughly evaluate potential options, it is necessary to perform field efforts and collect data within the project area, including boundary and topographic survey, geotechnical investigation, and environmental assessment.

The City has retained EMH&T, Inc. and Aldea Services to complete surveying, planning, and engineering services related to this project. Additionally, the City has contracted with DLZ Ohio, Inc., TNT Engineering, LLC, and Resource International, Inc. to provide geotechnical investigation services. Within the next several weeks, field crews from these firms will be in the area collecting survey data, topographic information, and/or soil samples. Accordingly, we wish to advise you that it may be necessary for the firms to enter upon your property on behalf of the City to obtain certain field data needed for the design of this project. All work is planned to be within the road right-of-way. If additional access to your property is required, the City will notify and coordinate with you directly prior to initiating any work.

Section 163.03 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes such entries but also requires reimbursement be made for actual damage resulting from such work. The firms are aware of the desire to preserve private property and public lands. Should valuable vegetation be cleared in order to accomplish our work, you will be notified and informed of the procedure for preparing a claim for reimbursement. In all cases, however, removal of vegetation or other damage will be minimal. If at any time you feel our representatives have not given proper attention to private property, please notify us immediately.

The field crews will not be able to answer questions, as their sole purpose is to collect information required for the engineering design of the improvements. When the Morse Mink Express Sewer improvements are more clearly defined, the City will share more information with you.

For questions about the nature of the improvements, please contact the City of New Albany, Justin Wilkinson, at 614.939.2236 or [jwilkinson@newalbanyohio.org](mailto:jwilkinson@newalbanyohio.org). For questions regarding the data collection, please contact EMH&T, Cory Svatosky, at 614.775.4638 or [csvatosky@emht.com](mailto:csvatosky@emht.com).

We appreciate your cooperation.

Respectfully,

City of New Albany

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Justin Wilkinson", is written over the printed name.

Justin Wilkinson, PE  
City Engineer