

8-1-26 Bailey Sewer System Public Information Session Notice

Since early 2025, Casnovia Township has been actively addressing the long-standing compliance issues involving the Bailey sewer system.

Working as a team with Huron Environmental Consultants and Sierra Environmental Consultants, the Township has completed substantial investigation, corrective work, monitoring, and technical reporting. That work has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for review and is available here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1g0Zi-8gd6iSR2taXs8ei7n6-n5Al80Sc>

During EGLE's annual compliance inspection of the Bailey drainfield on 7/27/26, EGLE District Supervisor Mike Worm joined the Township's regular EGLE inspector, Amanda St. Amour, because of the system's long-standing history of compliance issues. Also during the inspection, EGLE specifically recommended that the Township begin a "municipal education" effort. Public understanding and involvement are often necessary components of returning a wastewater system to compliance because some remaining issues cannot be solved through equipment and engineering alone.

For the first time, all Casnovia Township residents are invited to meet directly with the Township Supervisor at the Bailey drainfield:

Saturday, August 1, 2026

10:00 a.m. to noon

Bailey Drainfield

17575 Kenowa Avenue

Bailey, MI 49303

Residents will have an opportunity to see the drainfield, learn more about the system, hear where matters currently stand, and ask questions about the remaining concerns and what comes next.

The Bailey wastewater system is, by far, the largest asset owned by Casnovia Township residents. Its condition and future affect the entire Township, not only those living within the Bailey sewer district.

Bring a chair if you like. There is a great deal to discuss, and I value your input.

Paul Black

Casnovia Township Supervisor

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