

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **Combined Sewer Overflows**

United States and Ohio Environmental Protection Agencies require the City of Defiance to semi-annually publish this notice regarding its Combined Sewer Overflows.

The City of Defiance operates and maintains a combined sewer system, originally built in the 1950's, which collects wastewater as well as storm water associated with rainfall events. This combined sewer system has 27 overflow locations to the Auglaize and Maumee Rivers and tributary streams, all of which are permitted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

The City of Defiance has signs posted in public areas notifying local residents that during periods of rainfall, combined sewer overflows may discharge diluted, untreated sewage into the Auglaize and Maumee Rivers and tributary streams. During these wet weather periods, you are advised to refrain from contact with the rivers and streams, as direct body contact may result in adverse health effects. For more information, contact the Defiance County Health Department at (419)784-3818 or the Water Pollution Control Division at (419)782-0841. This information can also be found on the City of Defiance website at [cityofdefiance.com](http://cityofdefiance.com) under the division heading for Water Pollution Control.