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City of Rochester, Indiana Initiates Lead Inspection Program for Water Service Lines

Rochester, IN – May 7, 2024 – Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., a leading provider of water resource engineering, will be assisting the City of Rochester in a lead inspection program for water service lines.

In response to the Environmental Protection Agency's requirement to ensure all water service lines are free of any lead material, the City of Rochester is taking proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of residents. The initiative involves locating and inspecting water service lines in high-risk areas to identify the presence of lead, safeguarding communities against potential health hazards.

Key components of the inspection program include:

- Locating Meter Pits and Curb Stops
- Identifying Routing from Pit to Main and Pit to Your Home

To facilitate these inspections, Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. will require access to residential properties. Specifically, homeowners are requested to allow access to inspect the water service line entry point and assess the material and plumbing layout. This is essential for the planned replacement of the water service supply line from meter into home up to and including the existing shut-off valve or similar components, ensuring the integrity and safety of the water distribution system.

This project will allow the City of Rochester to apply for grant funding for service line improvement work and providing qualifying homeowners FREE replacement of their service lines from the meter pit/curb stop to shut off valve (in their home). The service line from the meter into the home is Owned by the homeowner. Without taking advantage of programs such as this, the homeowner runs the risk of being liable for the full cost of a future replacement. We encourage everyone to take maximum advantage of this program while the funding and opportunity is available.

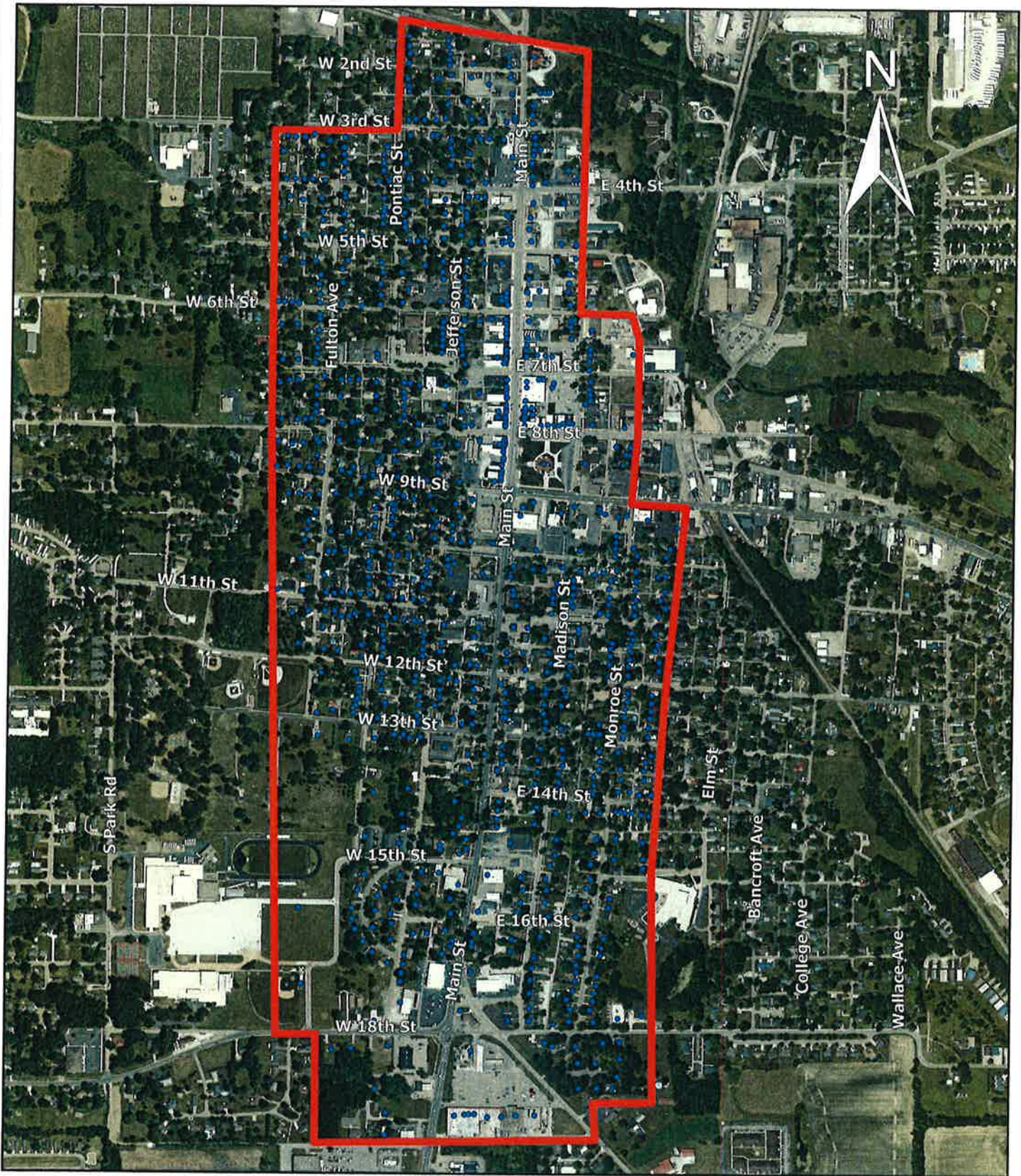
"We are committed to ensuring the safety of our community's water supply," said Derrick Holloway, Water Department Superintendent. "By proactively inspecting water service lines for lead, we aim to mitigate potential risks and protect public health."

Homeowners in a specific service area will be asked to schedule inspections. Affected property owners will receive a notice on their front door at the end of May which will include contact information and instructions on scheduling. To see the service area or schedule the inspection, scan the QR code provided below or visit the website: commonwealthengineers.com/rochester-lead-service-line-field-work-2024/



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-  Work Area
-  Service Lines to be Inspected



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