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**MAYOR MIKE MOORE OFFERS NEW APPROACH  
TO JEFFERSONVILLE'S SEWER AND FLOODING ISSUES**

JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA – Mayor Mike Moore today announced his plan to solving the city's sewer and flooding issues.

“Since my election as Mayor of Jeffersonville on November 8<sup>th</sup>, one of my top priorities has been to access the City's obligations with the Environmental Protection Agency,” said Moore who has met with various engineers over the past several weeks to discuss the city's options. “Ensuring that we remain compliant with the court order is one of the most pressing issues facing our community.”

Moore stated that Jeffersonville had come a long way in improving its sewers. He noted that many projects required by the EPA have been completed while others are currently underway.

“As we move forward, we must avoid at all costs placing an undue financial burden on our citizens with higher sewer bills and taxes,” said Moore who admitted that other projects are necessary for the City to comply with the court's order to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs).

The City is presently obligated to first reduce the number of CSO discharges along the Ohio River and second to address the flooding problems in the downtown area. The prior administration focused on both projects including the construction of a \$69 million canal as the storm water conveyance system.

“My technical team states that of these two projects, the one that must first be completed is the reduction of CSO discharges. This is the project that will keep the City in compliance with the federal government,” explained Moore. “Also, my financial advisors tell me, that unlike the canal or some other storm water conveyance system, additional sewer rate increases will not be necessary to pay for this project beyond those now in place.

“The federal government has made it clear they want the City to reduce the number of CSO discharges and that must be a first priority,” said Moore who noted that there is presently no available funding for the canal. “Unlike the prior administration, I do not support higher sewer rates and property taxes to pay for the canal. And I certainly opposed the idea of imposing a new restaurant and beverage tax to foot the bill.”

Moore stated that the City has already invested millions of dollars to address the flooding concerns in the downtown area without the construction of a canal. “While these improvements may not solve all of the flooding, they will result in significant improvements.”

Moore's approach is to first focus on solving the City's CSO problems. “We can do this without increasing sewer rates or imposing new taxes. It's the most responsible and cost effective approach. With this approach, we will adequately address our sewer and drainage issues without spending money on a new storm water conveyance system at this time.

"I ask for the cooperation of the City Council, the Sewer Board, the Drainage Board and the Redevelopment Commission so that we can move forward in a new direction," said Moore who will also host a public forum next Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at the City Hall. "It's important that we have a collaborative effort in putting this plan into motion."

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