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## **MDEQ APPROVES CITY'S S2 GRANT APPLICATION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (South Haven, Michigan) The City of South Haven has been notified by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that it has approved its application for planning and engineering costs related to the Indian Grove Infrastructure Improvement Project and the Sewer System Evaluation Survey (SSES) in the amount of \$360,000. The City of South Haven will provide a local match of \$40,000.

The SSES is part of an overall plan to address infrastructure deficiencies that exist within the southwesterly portion of the City commonly referred to as the “Indian Grove Area.” Previously, City Council approved an agreement with Abonmarche for engineering services related to the Indian Grove Infrastructure Project. By approving the agreement, it allowed the City to submit grant applications for portions of the project. Further, the agreement provided the needed design and budgets to allow for the City to finalize financing plans for the construction phase of the project. Finally, the agreement required Abonmarche to develop an updated Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES). The grant award will fund the SSES for the City and South Haven Charter Township. Grant award is anticipated in January 2012.

Further explanation of the Indian Grove Infrastructure Improvement Project emphasizes the importance of the S2 grant award. Specifically, the City of South Haven Engineering Staff developed a conceptual design of the area which provides improved sanitary sewer, water, and storm sewer services, and improved roadways to properties in the area. The conceptual design assists in developing ways to improve pumping capacity of the Indian Grove pump station in order to reduce sanitary sewer overflows which have occurred in area residential basements; identifies roadways and other utilities within the project area that should be reconstructed; and calls for full or partial reconstruction of areas of Monroe Boulevard, Lovejoy, and Kalamazoo Streets.

An appropriation bill providing for \$40 million in “S2 Grants” was signed by Governor Snyder on May 31, 2011. These grants provide reimbursement to local municipalities for up to 90% of eligible costs associated with planning, design, and user charge system development for potential State Revolving Fund (SRF) and Strategic Water Quality Initiatives Fund (SWQIF) applicants.

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