

# Village of Poplar

Wisconsin



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Gina Ormond Clerk

Hi everyone,

We're writing to inform you of a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) that occurred 9/3/2025 due to a lift station failure.

## What happened

- When: September 3, 2025
- Where: Manhole #13, approximately 450 feet north of the Village Hall
- What: An estimated ~20 gallons of raw sewage briefly spilled from the manhole before the issue was contained.

#### Cause

 A mechanical/electrical failure at a nearby lift station caused wastewater to back up and discharge at Manhole #13.

#### Actions taken

- Crews responded immediately, stopped the overflow, and restored lift station operations.
- The affected area was cleaned and disinfected.
- We have increased monitoring of the lift station and are reviewing equipment/alarms to prevent a recurrence.
- Required notifications to state agencies have been/are being submitted.

## Health & safety

- Please avoid contact with any standing water or damp surfaces in the immediate area until signage is removed.
- If you or your pets had contact with potentially affected water or surfaces, wash with soap and clean water and launder clothing.
- Drinking water is not affected. (The sanitary sewer system is separate from the drinking water system.)

### **Environmental impact**

At this time, there is no indication of discharge to nearby surface waters. We will update the community if new information arises.

If you have questions or observe any related concerns, please contact:

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Thank you for your understanding as we work to keep our wastewater system safe and reliable.

Sincerely,

Josh Pearson

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