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## PRESS RELEASE – Flooding Near State-owned Pipe

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On December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, a section of a 13-foot-diameter pipe measuring 975 feet in length which was designed to carry Valley View Creek parallel to the west side of the interstate between Cherry and Spring Streets at New Albany collapsed. The pipe was built in the 1960's during the construction of I-64. This pipe is responsible for water flow from Valley View Creek to Falling Run Creek. When the flow is not properly occurring, water backs up and floods in the area near Valley View Creek.

Early this morning, approximately 2.3 inches of rain fell over a 6 hour period causing the area along Cherry and West Streets to experience flooding. The flooding is the result of a collapsed state-owned stormwater pipe that is currently under repair by Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

City crews, along with state crews and emergency management officials, arrived on site early this morning to assess the situation and help alleviate the flooding. A large pump (1000 gallon per minute) has been set up by city public works crews to manually re-route and divert water from Valley View Creek to Falling Run Creek in order to reduce water levels, essentially bypassing the failed 13-foot-diameter pipe. INDOT is bringing another pump to the site and will set it up near the collapsed pipe inlet to assist.

One (1) resident has been displaced from their home because of this flooding. The city has secured housing for the affected while emergency crews respond to the situation.

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