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The Merrillville Stormwater Utility will be conducting routine ditch maintenance within a drainage ditch adjacent to or behind property on "Madison Ditch". This open channel serves as the primary stormwater drainage for many properties and is relied upon to prevent flooding. Blade Cutters Landscaping has been contracted to perform maintenance activities, which includes the removal of debris, select woody vegetation and clearing obstructions to help maintain proper drainage within the area.

Keeping the channels free of debris such as grass clippings, leaf stockpiles, litter and obstructions is critical for proper drainage and access. If you witness any illegal dumping, please report the incident to the town's code enforcement officer at (219) 769-3631.

Maintaining the quality of stormwater in waterways is also important; therefore pollutants shall not be stored or released near or within these waterways. Non-stormwater discharges including septic release are considered an illicit discharge and may have severe consequences. If you are aware of pollutant releases into the waterways, please report to the town's stormwater utility compliance officer at (219) 472-8668.

The work is expected to begin on **Monday, January 20, 2014**, and should be completed within two weeks, weather permitting. Please contact us if you have any specific questions regarding the maintenance activities.