

# Did you know...

...hundreds of times each year untreated sewage overflows into our area waterways?

At least half of the summer recreation season—May 15 through September 30—sewage overflows make Pittsburgh's three rivers unacceptable for recreational contact. Each time it rains or snow



melts, too much stormwater gets into the pipes that carry sewage from our homes to the wastewater treatment plant. As a result, untreated sewage pollutes our waterways.

Combined sewer overflows or CSOs occur through structures specifically designed to flow directly into waterways. A combined sewer system carries both stormwater and sewage in the same set of pipes.

Sanitary sewer overflows or SSOs usually appear as overflowing manholes or basement backups in a system that carries sewage and stormwater in separate pipes.

3 Rivers  
Wet Weather



*Improving our region's water quality*