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### PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY UPDATE

Water sampling results allow lifting the public health advisory from May 28<sup>th</sup> which was a result of an accidental sewage spill of an estimated 54,000 gallons into the Boardman River after a heavy rain event. E. coli test results from May 30<sup>th</sup> sampling indicate E. coli levels now meet recreational water quality standards for full body contact at Clinch Park, Bryant Park, and Senior Center Beaches. In addition, Sunset Park Beach and the lower Boardman River have acceptable E. coli levels for partial body contact such as wading, fishing, and paddling. Follow-up sampling of Sunset Beach and the Boardman River will occur on Monday to continue monitoring E. coli levels.

<u>Site</u>	<u>sample results</u> <u>E. coli count per 100ml</u>	<u>Water Quality Index</u>
Clinch Park Beach	11	1
Sunset Park Beach	344	2
Senior Center Beach	96	1
Bryant Park Beach	156	1
Board River – N. Union and Front St.	402	2
Boardman River – Boat Launch	373	2

#### Water Quality Index Body Contact Limits

Level 1 E. coli levels meet MDEQ swimming standards for full body contact (0-300 E. coli).

Level 2 E. coli levels meet MDEQ standards for wading, fishing, and boating. Contact above the waist not advised (301-1000 E. coli).