

Indiana House Bill 1245, which has passed the Indiana House, will effectively scuttle the Long Beach sewer project down Lakeshore Drive. This bill likely will be heard on Thursday, February 17 in the Senate Utilities Committee. If passed, it will take away the ability of the Town of Long Beach to ever fund the project. You may remember the front-page pictures in the News Dispatch of septic systems in Long Beach hanging out over the waters of Lake Michigan several years ago. I'm sure you all recall the water intake for Michigan City is just off shore and the flow of water in the Lake takes that waste to the Washington Park Beach.

The passage of this bill will be catastrophic to the environment and to the health and safety of both Long Beach and Michigan City. The Town of Long Beach has been publicly discussing and planning this project for years and following the financing rules that have been in statute for years. Should the legislature decide to change the rules of the game at this late date, not only would the Town of Long Beach have wasted \$400,000 in engineering costs, but we will lose this opportunity to protect our residents' health and clean up our lake. Please contact the following state senators that sit on the Senate Utilities Committee to let them know how important the sewer project is to property owners in Long Beach.

PS- North Lakeshore drive homeowners, the passage of this legislation will mean that as your existing septic systems fail, more and more of you will be required to be on "pump and haul". In addition to the inconvenience and the smell, property values will suffer.

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