

**The Marshall Township Municipal Sanitary Authority (MTMSA) has completed several sanitary sewer line construction projects over the last few years, most recently within the Big Sewickley Creek Watershed Area of Marshall Township. The removal of vegetation within Sanitary Sewer Easements was necessary during the construction process. Although these cleared areas may be inviting to enter for recreation purposes such as hiking and horseback riding, Easements remain private property and should not be trespassed. Please review the following information regarding Easements:**

**Q. What is an Easement?**

A. An Easement is a legal document that conveys limited property rights from the Grantor (Property Owner) to the Grantee (MTMSA). This document is usually recorded in the office of the Allegheny County Recorder of Deeds. A sanitary sewer easement creates a non-exclusive, perpetual right to use a portion of property for sanitary sewer purposes. This provides MTMSA with access rights to repair, replace, inspect, enlarge, change, maintain, test and/or remove the sanitary sewer located within the easement.

**Q. Who owns and maintains an Easement?**

A. The Property Owner continues to own the land and has only given up defined rights on the portion of land used for the easement. Maintenance of the property within the easement is the responsibility of the Property Owner. MTMSA will periodically clear the easement area when necessary for access.

**Q. Who can enter onto an Easement?**

A. MTMSA, if it has an easement, may go onto the easement at any time. MTMSA may occasionally have a Contractor perform specific tasks related to MTMSA operations. Although an effort will be made to notify you prior to entry, it may be necessary to enter without prior notification. The general public does not have the right to trespass through an easement located on private property.

Please feel free to contact Bill Campbell, MTMSA Operations Director, if you have any questions. [wmcampbell@twp.marshall.pa.us](mailto:wmcampbell@twp.marshall.pa.us) 724.935.6260 x: 106