

Stormwater Bond Update

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In a separate article by one of the Stormwater Group's members, Mr. DeSanctis shares with you some of the issues that this working committee has been dealing with and other matters that they intend on addressing as the working group prepares a plan going forward. One criteria he mentions for prioritizing projects is the health, safety and welfare of the resident population in that there are situations where flooding can interrupt the providing of emergency services.

Two projects had already been investigated to varying degrees prior to the formation of the Stormwater Group. The Oxford/ Kellogg Rd. project had already had a drainage analysis done on the watershed when we first started meeting. The findings were presented to the Group and it was voted to recommend advancing this project to final design. This improvement will result in the construction of a detention facility on the corner of Oxford and Kellogg Rd., along with some piping modifications downstream. There is the possibility of starting construction before the end of the year and working into the winter, weather permitting.

The other project to be advanced was the Woodberry/ Beechwood collection area. This was recommended for a hydrologic analysis as proposals for doing so were already in the works as we started to meet. Both this location and the Oxford/ Kellogg Rd. location has the capability of disrupting emergency services during severe storm events, and were believed to be high on any prioritization list.

As with any project under the Stormwater Bond, an open house will be conducted so that residents can view the plans and have any questions answered. For the Oxford/ Kellogg Rd. project, we will be sending out notices as soon as we receive those plans.