

**Drainage and Sewer Control Committee**  
**November 7, 2007, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center**  
**Regular Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM.
  
- II. **Attendees are as follows:**  
**Members:** Dennis Mulac, Jean Gagne, Cathy Loya, Tom Loya, Amanda Coon, Julia Henderson  
**City Representatives:** Jim Crevar (Service Director)  
**Others in Attendance:** John Lund (CTI), Dave Koontz (CTI), Greg Bachman (Summit County Engineer)
  
- III. Minutes from the October 3, 2007 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
  
- IV. **Greg Bachman, Summit County Engineer:** Mr. Bachman informed the committee that he has been gathering flooding data and lobbying for funds, and that the new County Executive is much more open to funding a regional storm water approach. He is asking for \$750K over 5 years (\$150K/yr) as beginning funding. He has prior experience with flooding and storm water through his previous employment with other engineering firms. Greg has expressed his interest in partnering with Macedonia in a regional storm water retention project. The most likely project for this would be a large retention basin near the new railroad bridge, which would likely happen in 2009. Greg advised the committee that he would know sometime in December if his funding requests were approved. It was also interesting to hear that the county considers roadway ditches a part of the road, and they also replace driveway culverts when necessary. This differs from the city's current position that the roadside ditches and driveway culverts are the responsibility of the property owners. The county charges new subdivisions a maintenance fee for the ditches and basins. They also inspect the ditches and basins each spring and create a work list from this data.
  
- V. **October 26 Teleconference on Storm Water Utility:** It became clear during this teleconference that the newest theory is to use the storm water utility to cover flooding issues as well as EPA mandates from the same fund. The committee discussed that for it to happen in Macedonia, it would have to be by a council action. It is believed that it would fail if it came to a residential vote. It was agreed that a tremendous amount of effort would be needed to educate the public of the benefits to the entire community, and not just those residents who currently have flooding issues. The NEORS (Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District) has Macedonia listed on their map as having a high concentration of impervious surface area. The NEORS will likely be meeting with the city regarding their plans to regionalize storm water management, because Macedonia is a part of their watershed. They would not be interested in local flooding issues, such as OLG or the Iroquois/Shepard

Hills areas. The majority of the Indian Creek watershed is within the Macedonia city limits, which makes our approach a watershed approach as well. The committee agreed that we need to devote at least 2 meetings solely on discussion of details on starting a storm water utility.

## **VI. Old Business**

- A. Where does Phase II stand?** Members received a copy of the amended contract between CTI and the city. The county mapped the Indian Creek outfalls, and started up some of the storm sewers. They will not finish until spring when their temporary help returns. The city should have storm system maps or design plans for newer developments. The EPA requires the outfalls, and also what drains to the outfalls. Without the rest of the data, CTI cannot finish the storm system map. The county GIS says that this will be enough information to convince the EPA that we are making progress. Dennis will email Fred to inform him that the county is no longer pulling data; they say that the city put in their request too late in the year. Dave will also discuss this with Fred, and have him continue to maintain contact with the EPA to determine what immediate steps need to be taken. It was also discussed that the Indian Creek modeling needs to proceed in order to build a case for county partnership and regional retention. Dennis agreed to speak with Jan about obtaining funding for the modeling, per Jim there is no budget left due to the North Bedford Rd. culvert repair.
- B. Contacting residents who requested follow-ups:** Amanda will mail merge a letter to all residents who requested a follow up. The committee will set a date for a public meeting at our regular December meeting, tentatively the public meeting will be in January.
- C. Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners:** They are going to help with dry weather checking of storm outlets. The city signed a \$7K/2 year agreement to help with EPA Phase II and general good housekeeping regarding this. The city has also officially joined the TCWP.
- D. Creating survey spreadsheets for DSCC use:** Cathy hopes to have survey spreadsheet complete by the end of the year.
- E. Encroachment blocking Crow swale:** This issue has been resolved per Jim.
- F. Flooding situation at 8566 N. Bedford Road:** It was discussed that the neighbor immediately to the south could lower their driveway pipe by one foot. This would reduce, but not completely eliminate the basement flooding. This is currently being considered a civil matter.

## **VII. New Business**

- A. Tree/Wreath Auction:** Nordonia Hills Baskets of Hope annually holds a silent auction. Area organizations decorate trees and they are auctioned off to raise money for needy families in the area. Dennis will send an email to members of the committee, please respond with a yes/no regarding participation.

**B. Discussion:**

1. Dennis will speak with Jim regarding a regarding problem in the Thousand Oaks development. A resident in this area has changed the grading on his lot causing other neighbors properties to take on storm water.
2. The committee received a copy of a draft ordinance for SWP3 (construction erosion and sediment control). Fred asked that the committee read over this information.

**VIII. Q & A for Residents:** There were no residents in attendance this evening.

**IX. Calendar:**

December 5, 2007, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center: Next regular meeting  
January 2, 2007, 7:00PM, Macedonia City Center: Regular meeting

**X.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:37PM.