



May 18, 2020

Dear Residents,

The Board of Trustees share your frustration and understand your loss after the severe rainfall and flooding that occurred in Olmsted Township. Loss of your possessions and damage to your homes is one of the most upsetting issues a homeowner can face. Once again, our Township has been failed by those agencies responsible for sanitary, stormwater and conveyance systems in our community!

After a severe rainfall, there remain areas within Olmsted Township which are susceptible to flooding. In the Township, most storm water facilities are the responsibility of private property owners or Cuyahoga County (Cuyahoga County Public Works). The County operates a Sewer District within the Township under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6117, and that District has control over various drainage facilities, including storm sewers.

For many years, the Township has been failed by those agencies responsible for sanitary, storm, water and conveyance systems in our community! As a Township, however, Olmsted Township has the responsibility to maintain the public roads under its control and, as part of that care, to keep the public roads drained in a reasonable manner. Certain roadside ditches and culverts are maintained by the Township for the purpose of roadway drainage, but that is the extent of Olmsted Township's maintenance duty.

For more than 10 years, the Board of Trustees has lobbied and demonstrated the good will and safety of our residents regarding sewer and conveyance systems. As one of the fastest growing communities, we rely on Cuyahoga County Public Works to review and manage infrastructure plans for development. In years past, this did not happen and there was little oversight. The Board believes this is a regional and a local issue for Township residents across our 10 square mile area. These problems have been taken to Cuyahoga County for years. We have requested improvement plans to address technical issues (Inflow and Infiltration) prevalent in aging infrastructure. We have conveyed the repeated problems, the personal and financial burden placed on our residents.

The Township recently met with Cuyahoga County officials to establish formal ownership of these systems and repeat these issues cannot be ignored. The sanitary and storm systems are owned and operated by Cuyahoga County. For years, these systems were not well-maintained.

Recent legal action against the City of North Olmsted and Cuyahoga County Public Works highlighted the need for improvements to the existing infrastructure specifically in the north end of Township, in the Breezewood neighborhood. This neighborhood is the oldest planned development and has experienced and documented losses over the years.

Other areas with **reported repeated** flooding are:

- Skyline- Fairlane Neighborhood.
- Glenbrook Road.
- Westfield Park- South Stearns Road.
- South end.
- 15 county roads and ditches that the Township maintains.

Updates on improvement by respective utilities:

http://publicworks.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_publicworks/en-US/Cities%20-%20Maps/2019/OlmstedTwp.pdf

http://publicworks.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_publicworks/en-US/CapitalImprovementPlan.pdf

<https://www.neorsd.org/about/service-area-and-facilities/>

Township crews from our Service Department and Cuyahoga County were out all weekend and continue to respond to flooding issues.

The Township has already a scheduled curbside bulk pick up for Thursday, May 21st to help with garbage and debris and a drop off bulk at our Service Dept on Saturday, May 23 from 8am-12noon.

We urge you to make your voice heard by Cuyahoga County and NEORSD on your personal situation and losses from this recent natural event. Do not report backyard flooding issues. The issue of concern is water in your home/basement.

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Again, we understand your frustration and the impact Township flooding issues have had on you and your loved ones. We will continue to work hard for you, our residents, to reduce flooding and demand needed improvements and investment in Olmsted Township.

Sincerely,



The Olmsted Township Board of Trustees