



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS Public Works Committee Agenda Communication

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Agenda Item: Stormwater Management Funding Consideration

Explanation: Last year, Council approved a Citywide Stormwater Study. During discussions, Council made it apparent that they did not want this to just be a plan to sit on a shelf and collect dust. While the dream of every design project is to receive grant money, that is simply not a solution we can depend on. As of late, more and more of this grant money is being allocated to communities serving low-income or impoverished areas. This will leave staff and Council to prioritize infrastructure projects versus stormwater projects, as they both are funded from the general fund.

Just a month ago, Council members and citizens spoke strongly on fixing issues in the Trails Edge subdivision. For some of these problems along 100-year flood routes and stormwater surface drainage easements, the funding is just not there without stopping infrastructure projects. These citizens are not the only complaints heard, as staff have also heard from Washington Estates residents about the drainage area from Gilman to Bus 24 at past committee meetings.

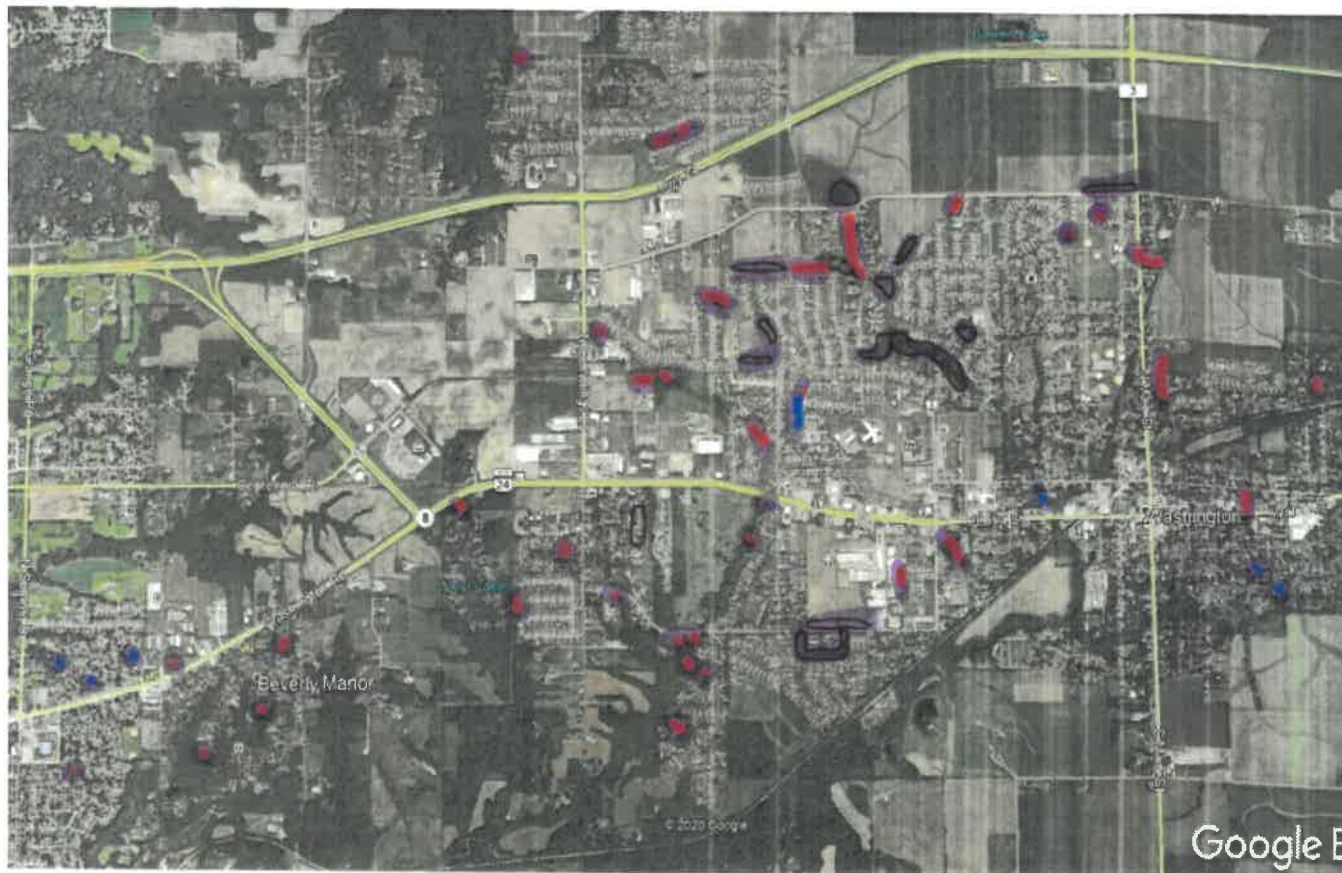
Attached is a map identifying the locations of drainage complaints received by staff in the past two years. A Flood Factor map is also attached with more defined drainage areas from the USGS website. In each of these cases, there have been property flooding complaints and it has been up to the property owner to manage the issues. In this short group of examples, there are multiple properties, entire neighborhoods, and even massive swaths of the city draining to the issues at hand. An SSA for some of these areas would outline a majority of the city.

While every property does not have drainage issues, every property does add to the drainage problems.

Fiscal Impact: TBD depending on if there is interest in pursuing a funding mechanism to address a variety of drainage-related projects throughout the city.

Action Requested: Discussion at the October 4 Public Works Committee meeting to seek direction on funding mechanisms to address the various drainage-related projects.

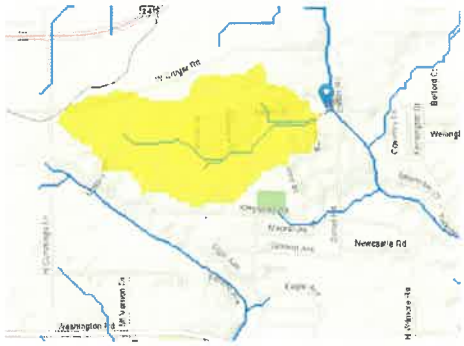
Resident Complaints



Flood Factor Website



Trails Edge Pond – 0.28 sq miles



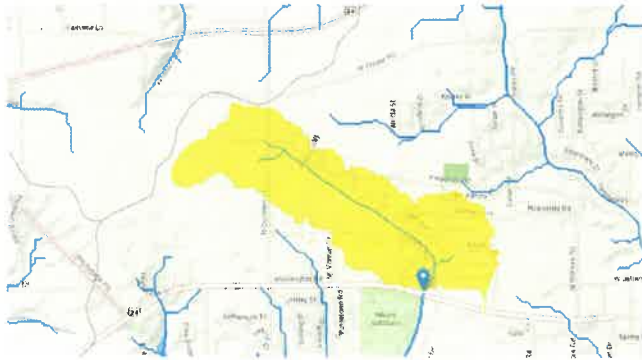
Dallas Road Pedestrian Bridge – 1.01 sq miles



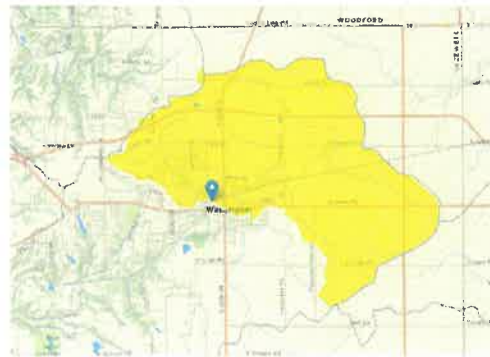
Westgate Road Bridge – 1.50 sq miles



Washington Estates – 0.46 sq miles



Jefferson Bridge – 11.5 sq miles



Lawndale Culverts
0.28 sq miles



1.22 sq miles

