

To John Street Watershed Homeowners:

Recently, we have seen more and more basement flooding in Champaign due to heavy rains. Several neighbors around Clark Park formed a group to assess the flooding and determine what can be done to alleviate it. Questionnaires were sent to residents in the area West of Prospect Avenue to Russell Street and Armory Avenue to Springfield Avenue. The survey is the same as the one enclosed in this mailing. An orientation held at Westview School in October demonstrated that the flooding affected a large number of homes in that area. The group organized into the John Street Watershed Drainage Steering Committee, an informal group to work with Champaign city officials on the flooding issue. Learning the magnitude of this issue, and the size of the area affected, the committee decided it is critical that all homes in the watershed are included in the study and solution. The watershed covers 512 acres roughly from Russell Street to Neil Street and Armory Avenue/Hessel Boulevard to Springfield Avenue.

John Street appears to be the water route when the storm sewers overflow. Making adjustments to the John Street flow will have a large effect on flooding in the area. Other problem locations are important, as well, and we need to identify those. By completing the questionnaire, you are helping to identify problem areas which can be addressed by engineering solutions. The meeting at South Side School on February 25 is for your benefit to introduce you to the situation and give you an opportunity to ask questions. You can turn in your questionnaire at the meeting, or drop it off at locations on the form. Marci Dodds and Michael LaDue, our Champaign City Council Representatives for the area are guiding the committee in making a presentation to the council to request drain improvement funding. There are several ways for individual homeowners to help control the flooding. We will discuss this at the meeting.

Please complete the questionnaire and please attend the February 25th meeting.



Neighborhood Drainage Informational Meeting
Wednesday, February 25th, 2009
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
South Side School Gym
712 S. Pine Street



We need your input on any flooding you experienced in your home. Please complete the questionnaire and bring it to the meeting, mail it, or drop it off at locations listed on the form. This meeting will provide an overview of the flooding problem and how we are planning to ease this situation. There will be an opportunity for questions. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You can use this sheet as a reminder - place it on your refrigerator or wherever you place reminders.

Reasons to Attend

- ➔ City Public Works Staff will explain issues about our storm and sanitary drainage
- ➔ Update on Clark-Dietz Drainage Study – Learn about recommendations
- ➔ Return your questionnaire
- ➔ Get involved with the Steering Committee

Questions? Please call or email:

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The John Street Watershed Drainage Steering Committee

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