

## John Street Watershed Flooding Survey (February 2009)

(This watershed is bounded roughly by Springfield Avenue to the North, Neil Street to the East, Hessel Boulevard, to the South, and Russell Street to the West)

Dear Neighbors,

Many people have experienced flooding to their homes in the past. Flooding affects our quality of life and home values. We would appreciate it if you would take time to complete and return this questionnaire regarding your property, or you may complete it online. We are working in a cooperative effort with the City of Champaign on this important issue.

If you have flooding problems in your home or on your property, we suggest you call the Public Works Dept. at 403-4700 for assistance and so they are aware of how many homes are affected.

**Please visit our website at:** <http://clarkpark.gidnoy.com> **You may complete this survey online through our website,** and you may add your name to a listserve mailing list from this website as well if you would like to receive further information.

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact the following people from the John Street Watershed Drainage Steering Committee: Steve Cochran, 398-9855 [srcochran@city.urbana.il.us](mailto:srcochran@city.urbana.il.us)  
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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1) Type of Home Construction (check one):**

- a) Slab     b) Crawl Space     c) Lower Level (partially below grade)     d) Basement

**2) Has your basement or lower level ever flooded? (check one):**

- a) Yes     **If yes, number of times in the past two years since Jan. 2007** \_\_\_\_\_  
b) No     **If no, skip to Question 8**

**3) Did the interior of your home flood:**

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| a) on February 6, 2008   | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not sure | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) on July 7-8, 2008?    | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not sure | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) on September 14, 2008 | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not sure | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**4) Does your backyard or street usually flood when the basement or lower level floods?**

- a) Yes     b) No

5) Does flood water in the basement look like sanitary sewage (e.g. color, odor, solids)?

- a) Yes       b) No       c) Not Sure

6) Where does flood water enter your home? (check all that apply):

- a) Sump pump pit       b) Floor drain       c) Laundry sink       d) Walls   
e) Toilet or shower       f) List others: \_\_\_\_\_

7) Have you incurred a financial loss due to this flooding situation? (check one):

- a) Yes  If yes, approximate \$\$\$ loss in 2008: \_\_\_\_\_  
b) No

8) How many sump pumps do you have? (check one):

- a) None       b) One       c) Two       d) 3 or more       If none, skip to Question 10

9) Where does sump pump discharge? (check one):

- a) Sanitary Sewer       b) Storm Sewer       c) Ground       d) Don't know

10) What type of plumbing is in the basement? (check all that apply):

- a) Washing Machine       b) Laundry sink       c) Bathroom   
d) List others \_\_\_\_\_

11) Do you use a back flow valve or other preventions for flooding on any of your lines (sanitary or storm connections)?

- a) Yes       b) No

12) Over the past 3 years, would you say the flooding situation in your neighborhood has:

- a) Worsened       b) Stayed the same       c) Improved

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

**Thank you for responding! Please return no later than March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Please return this questionnaire by any of the following ways:

- **Bring to the Neighborhood Informational Meeting, 7-9 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, South Side School Gym, 712 S. Pine Street**
- Mail to City of Champaign Public Works, Attn: Alex Nagy, 702 Edgebrook Dr., Champaign, IL 61820
- Mail to our City Council members: Michael La Due, District 2, 1005 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. #28, C., IL 61820  
Or: Marci Dodds, District 4, 1005 W. University Ave., C., IL 61821
- Drop off in the box on the porch at neighbor: Bill Johnson, 803 S. Lynn St.