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DATE: November 2, 2008

TO: Planning & Public Works Committee

FROM: Brian McGownd, PWD\CE

SUBJECT: MSD response to flooding – Hurricane Ike

As directed, we have begun the process of obtaining information regarding the flooding that took place in Chesterfield on September 14, 2008, as a result of Hurricane Ike. To date, we are still awaiting to receive a bulk of the information requested from MSD.

We have received a list of projects that MSD has planned within Chesterfield, however, we have not received a map in a format that we can include with this memo. We will have a map available at the committee meeting scheduled for November 6, 2008, and will go over the project list and map in detail, along with any other information we receive between now and the meeting.

Also attached for your information is an article included in the October 28, 2008 edition of the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

If you need additional information or have any questions please advise.

attachments

cc: Mike Geisel, Director of Planning & Public Works

Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
Capital Projects in the City of Chesterfield

FISCAL YEAR 2009 (July 2008 - June 2009)

Project Number	Project Name	Construction Cost
2003063A	Creeve Coeur Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer Relief PHASE I (SKMF:021)	\$9,600,000

FISCAL YEAR 2010 (July 2009 - June 2010)

Project Number	Project Name	Construction Cost
2003115	Schoerdtler Sanitary Relief (SKMF:018)	\$1,400,000

FISCAL YEAR 2011 (July 2010 - June 2011)

Project Number	Project Name	Construction Cost
2006052	Valley Sanitary Relief (SKMF:014)	\$9,800,000
2003063B	Creeve Coeur Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer Relief PHASE II (SKMF:021)	\$11,530,000

FISCAL YEAR 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012)

Project Number	Project Name	Construction Cost
none		

FISCAL YEAR 2013 (July 2012 - June 2013)

Project Number	Project Name	Construction Cost
2007150	Woods Mill Sanitary Relief (SKMF:020)	\$3,000,000
2003063C	Creeve Coeur Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer Relief PHASE III (SKMF:021)	\$7,000,000

FISCAL YEAR NOT SCHEDULED

Project Number	Project Name	Construction Cost
to number yet	Country Ridge Sanitary Relief (SKMF:017)	\$936,000
to number yet	Saylesville/Seabrook Sanitary Relief (SKMF:019)	\$761,000
to number yet	CC06 STA L60 Batsville 11WY 40 (MSD 5317) (pump station replacement)	\$82,000
to number yet	Modified Caulks Creek Pump Station A (SKMF:032)	\$300,000
2003063I)	Creeve Coeur Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer Relief PHASE IV (SKMF:021)	\$7,000,000
2003063H	Creeve Coeur Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer Relief PHASE V (SKMF:021)	\$4,200,000
2003063F	Creeve Coeur Creek Sanitary Trunk Sewer Relief PHASE VI (SKMF:021)	\$4,800,000
2007056	CC-17 Four Seasons Branch Sanitary Relief PHASE II (MSD 6485)	\$690,000

PHASES OF CREVE COEUR SANTITARY RELIEF (SKME-021) 2003063

CREVE COEUR SANTITARY RELIEF (SKME-021) PHASE I
(L-52 Pump Station to Olive Blvd)

6600 feet of 72 inch pipe

CREVE COEUR SANTITARY RELIEF (SKME-021) PHASE II
(Olive Blvd to intersection of Woods Mill and Lachie Road)

5600 feet of 60 inch pipe
4000 feet of 42 inch pipe
9600

CREVE COEUR SANTITARY RELIEF (SKME-021) PHASE III
(intersection of Woods Mill and Lachie to Conway Road)

7050 feet of 36 inch pipe

CREVE COEUR SANTITARY RELIEF (SKME-021) PHASE IV
(Conway Road to Timberlake Manor)

4050 feet of 30 inch pipe

CREVE COEUR SANTITARY RELIEF (SKME-021) PHASE V
(Timberlake Manor to Schoerler Road)

3550 feet of 24 inch pipe

CREVE COEUR SANTITARY RELIEF (SKME-021) PHASE VI
(Schoerler Road to Baxter Road)

7450 feet of 21 inch pipe

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PROJECTS COMPLETED

Project Number	Project Name	Year Completed	Construction Cost
90015	CC22 Schoetler/Clayton to HWY 40 Sanitary Replacement PHASE I	2003	\$600,000
90015A	CC22 Schoetler/Clayton to HWY 40 Sanitary Replacement PHASE II	2006	\$700,000
90012	CC18 Smith Creek Branch Sanitary Relief (SKME:028)	2006	\$2,400,000

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Residents, council blast sewer district

By Margaret Gillerman

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Tuesday, Oct. 28 2008

UNIVERSITY CITY — Angry residents and elected officials grilled the top executive of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District for two hours Monday night and assailed the agency for negligence and "aloofness" in its handling of recent flash flooding and sewer backups.

Jeff Theerman, executive director, told the University City crowd: "We're trying to do our best." He said that the remnants of Hurricane Ike that hit the area last month was a 100-year plus rain and an "extreme event" affecting many hundreds of properties. MSD received almost 8,000 calls after the floods.

Council members took turns firing questions and demanding the agency to take responsibility.

Councilman Byron Price assailed the agency for saying it did not own the River Des Peres and was not responsible for its maintenance and that property owners were. Many residents believe that MSD contributed to the flooding by not keeping the waterway clear.

Council member Lynn Ricci quoted from lawsuits that she said showed the agency had said in the past it was responsible.

Resident Rick Hawkins said that if property owners owned River Des Peres, "We would like to give it back."

"It is hurtful to people (that) you are taking this so nonchalantly," Hawkins said.

Many criticisms centered on the agency's insurance program, which provides up to \$2,400 to property owners who experience sewage backups. MSD officials say the program does not cover overland flooding. Theerman said the agency so far had sent 1,500 to 1,700 denials to residents.

Elnora Robinson, among others, said she should not have received a denial. "We had waste in our basement," she said. "Waste didn't come from the flood. Waste came from MSD."

Several City Council members said MSD should have made clear that residents had only 30 days to notify it of damages in order to become eligible for the backup program. Many residents were unaware of the deadline.

Councilman Byron Price and others asked repeatedly that MSD extend the deadline. Theerman refused, saying the one-month deadline was policy. Ricci said that MSD officials should have told residents and officials of the deadline when they attended a council meeting last month.

"It was an oversight on our part," Theerman replied.

"So they're suffering because of your oversight," Ricci shot back.

Resident Richard Dockett, who also represents the St. Louis Area Concerned Taxpayers group, blamed negligence by MSD for the death of two residents who were swept away by swirling waters.

Theerman later told reporters, "It's a tragedy, but it's certainly not the result of lack of maintenance. Our hearts go out to the families."

Theerman said MSD had been pleading for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help. He said buyouts of the most endangered properties were the only answer to repeated flooding.

"The problem is where does the money come from?" he said.

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