

**Welworth/Wentworth Watershed
Public #1 Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2011**

Question 1: What water quality issues do you see in the watershed?

- Ditches getting bigger – south of Arby's yale
- Accumulation of trash/garbage
- Conveyance (whole/land)
- Getting community/individuals involved
- Storm sewer efficiency – capacity/clogged?
- (People & Wendy) House on corner of Wellworth & Delmar – filling lot – causing problems
- Corner lots is for sale
- Need to monitor what happens in the neighborhood.
- Berms built around house to keep out water pushes the water onto others.
- (Pat) Remove house and build a retention pond on the lot.
- Need drainage ditches along Wellworth/Wentworth
- Filling of lot is causing siltation problem.
- Storm sewer from Warren north of Charles discharges into area south of Charles.
- Storm sewers are clogged after storm
- Have check wells whenever it floods – disinfect wells (8-10 people with well problems)
- Sewer backups (7-8 into basements, 6 insurance claims)
- Flooding in basement & ponding in yard (2114 F.V. build berm)
- 4813 Delmar – culvert built with plywood under road first duplex closer to F.V.
- 2122 Wentworth – water comes down Lamar from duplex into ditch (2115 Lamar)
- Someone before duplex built came in and filled the open lot – open waterway – unincorporated area
- City dumps storm sewage – John Ekberg has map of where the water goes – Don has it
- Need to test wells – look into free tests
- What would it cost for city water to serve area?
- Blocked sewer
- Possibly broken sewer
 - getting springs shooting up in the middle of yards
 - reports of gurgling sounds underground
 - foundations: chimney facing undercutting
- Surface runoff
 - old hilander under construction now
 - Ohio parkway acting as a dam (25th St. same)

Question 2: Who is responsible for improving the water quality of Welworth/Wentworth Creek?

- City
- County
- Homeowners
- City of Rockford created problems by building on Lamar 10-12 years ago
- Winnebago County put smaller pipes in “V” style open ditches when Charles was reconstructed. Silt fabric clogged drainage inlet – rims of sewer inlets higher than ground.
- Hard to know who is responsible – city, county, township

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- Concrete drainage ditch needs to be cleaned out by city – people throw grass clippings, brush, and branches
- Sunstrand has no detention – causing bank erosion/Alpine Village?
- Form joint committee to maintain the waterway city/county/township
- Plat for detention on Wellworth were not followed 1995-1996 (2129 Wellworth)

Question 3: What water quality improvement projects (BMPs) are in your neighborhood?

- Bagions installed – but then caved
- City is buying homes in inappropriate locations
- Ordinances/proper land use planning
- City property flow
- Continuance of flow/conveyance city vs. county
- Reusing rain water
- Homeowner products/education
- Attempt rain barrel

Suggestions/Other

- How many are in favor of stormwater dist. – 12
- Would it save money from insurance claims & well problems
- Mosquitoes a concern
- 100% like open drainage ditches
- It would help if everyone held a little water
- How many would support one-way loop on W/W to allow for drainage ditches – 10%

Things to Do

- Communication
 - quarterly letters on the progress of ongoing projects in Rolling Green
 - Possibly set up website
- Work wit community organizations to educate people on issues

How Do You Like the Current Conditions?

- Don't mind concrete channel
- Want retention basins
- They have surface retention, just had further project to make better

Name Suggestions

- Greek Creek
- Buckbee Creek
- Up
- Hope
- Reagan
- Ardmore
- Deirks
- I don't care what you call it.