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Jim Kalb, Mayor
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Honorable Council Members
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Re: 2001 Storm Water Regulations and Strategic Solution Update

I appreciate the Engineering Department forwarding a public record, which included the Old Post/Seneca project, in response to my correspondence #09-003 dated February 23, 2009. A question arises on the City's past and future commitment to enforce the Storm Water Regulations adopted July 23, 2001. In an effort to assure compliance I am requesting a list of projects submitted and approved through the City Planning Commission after July 23, 2001. Please indicate how storm water runoff was handled in accordance with the 2001 Storm Water Regulations. Also, if the storm water requirements were not met include possible retrofit solutions with those projects.

As a follow-up to my correspondence #09-002 dated February 23, 2009 concerning citizen problems and seeking strategic solutions; I suggested regular updates at City Council Meetings to better represent citizens, define project vision, and assure completion. I am requesting an update on the status of the City of Portsmouth Combined Sewer Overflow/Long Term Control Plan (CSO/LTCP) and the prevention of future basement flooding in the City. It has been nearly six months since the consulting firm, Strand Associates, Inc., was officially involved to provide services for the revision and finalization of the CSO/LTCP. Also, based on the discussion at the September 22, 2008 City Council Meeting and correspondence by the Wastewater Director to the U. S. EPA – Region 5 dated September 2, 2008, I am requesting a status of actions proposed to prevent future basement flooding. The Wastewater Director stated he was researching the ways various cities (Columbus, Cincinnati, Springfield, and Middletown) assist residents with basement flooding for implementation within our City.

I am requesting a Town Hall Meeting or portion of the City Council Meeting (Work Conference) be held to update our citizens. It is reasonable to expect local government to respond to their citizens concerns by assuring them appropriate and timely actions are being taken to avoid further anxiety and legal actions within our community.

If you should have any questions contact me.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Advocate and Representative on City Council

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cc: Bill Beaumont, Assistant Director of Engineering
Richard Duncan, Wastewater Director
Trent Williams, Auditor
Jo Ann Aeh, Clerk (Record)