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SENT VIA EMAIL

Mr. William Skrabak
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Dear Mr. Skrabak:

We are writing to you on behalf of the North Ridge Citizens Association (NRCA) regarding matters of resident concern, pursuant to stormwater and flooding issues at the intersection of Scroggins Road and West Braddock Road. As you are no doubt aware, flooding routinely occurs at this location during heavy rains, resulting in costly damage to adjacent houses and property.

A significant proposed expansion and development project at the site of the nearby Alexandria Presbyterian Church (1302 West Braddock Road), adjacent to Scroggins Road, provides an opportunity to closely examine potential solutions. Regardless of whether this project is approved or not, NRCA wants to ensure that stormwater management in the immediate vicinity of the church is carefully reviewed and improved, as necessary. This could occur through separate measures, or in combination with the stormwater management permitting process for new development.

At a September 30th meeting with church leaders, immediate neighbors, City staff, and a private hydrology consultant, it was evident that a substantial and longstanding problem with stormwater management exists at this location. T&ES personnel in attendance acknowledged that faulty drains/pipe connections are to blame and need to be addressed. We are aware that if the proposed development is approved, stormwater runoff mitigation requirements would be imposed for water pollution control purposes during the permitting process, in keeping with present engineering standards.

Although the City will require detailed plans for construction and other best-management practices (BPMs) to minimize runoff at this location, the size and scope of the proposed church expansion and corresponding property development work should compel the City to closely monitor any ongoing or future challenges – whatever the causes. We urge you and your staff to work closely with residents to address these ongoing stormwater and flooding concerns. NRCA is happy to serve as a forum for communicating about future plans and efforts, and we will continue to monitor this location.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Regards,

Kay Stimson,
NRCA President



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