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Subject:	RE: Combined Sewer Backup & Overland Storm Water Flooding
Date:	Wednesday, July 15, 2015 3:46:10 PM

While we did not suffer a CSO, my neighbor at 2411 Grandview insists that her basement was flooded with sewage. Since I did not see it, I cannot confirm or dispute her claim.

What we do not understand is why the telemetry equipment would be removed since it has saved the residents so many times since it was installed. It does seem obvious that the storm sewers were inadequate to handle the volume of the runoff, since water was gushing out of the new storm sewers three to four feet in the air.

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Subject: RE: Combined Sewer Backup & Overland Storm Water Flooding

Dear Ms. Murray:

City employees and City Police went door to door last night after the rain event. I was present and coordinated this effort. We went to every house we could (however, you are correct we did not go to yours) and asked if the residents had water or flooding in their basement. We stopped going north in the 2700 block of Grandview when every resident stated that they were dry and had no water at all in their basements.

Each house was checked, address and name taken and recorded. If the occupant said they had water we went in and viewed and took pictures. In every instance there was no evidence what-so-ever of CSO backup. Any house that had water, the water was clear. Some houses had water seeping from basement walls. Only two houses I entered had water in any portion (the floor was multi-leveled) of their basement and it was 1-2” in depth and was clear water. In these no determination could be made if the water was coming from basement walls. The rest had no standing water. Most had evidence the floor was wet but the water had since drained down their floor drains. Again, most houses had evidence of a wet floor but no house had any standing water. Residents were understanding and absolutely no one said it was worse than before. This statement is blatantly false. If you claim what you say is true then please provide names and addresses of these home owners so we may speak to them regarding their problem.

The manholes on the 400,000 gallon underground storage structure were opened after the rain and the structure was not completely full. The estimate was that the structure was 75% full. It worked as designed. The street flooding was due to grass, weeds, leaves and mulch clogging the catch basins. Once this was removed the street quickly drained. In the 2700 block once the debris was removed the two feet of water in the street drained in less than two minutes.

The flooding at the intersection at 25th and Coles (in the street) will be mitigated when the detention/retention facility is constructed in the fall. Even with this issue when the basements surrounding this intersection were entered there was no standing water.

Mr. Duncan and I personally spoke with Mr. Essman last night and he did not have a problem and he was not upset.

What you fail to mention is that with the storm of that magnitude there was flooding all over the city. The flooding in this area was just as bad as other areas.

The purpose of the project was to protect home from combined or sanitary sewer backups. Dry basements were never guaranteed.

I saw your blog and in my opinion it was untrue and misleading. I believe this email is also

misleading.

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We wish to inform you of the massive storm flooding in our neighborhood just after 5:00 p.m. EDT yesterday. I've spoken with numerous people who've had 6+ inches, 3-5 inches, or 1-3 inches of combined sewer backup into their basements. Additional storm water damage has also occurred. Many report that the problems are worse than before.

City workers, police, the City Manager & City Solicitor canvassed the neighborhood getting names and addresses of those damaged. No one came to my door though. My brother was here (I was at work) and reported that I had 1-2" of CSO in my basement and he saw water shooting 3 feet high out of the storm drain across the street from my house. The city and others have similar photos of water shooting out down Grandview Avenue.

I have some names and a few pictures and will be gathering more. I will send reports to you.

Mr. Essman and I await response to our email from last week and will, no doubt, have additional questions from this "event", such as why was the telemetry equipment moved.

You can see a few pictures on my blog:
http://wegottroublerighthereinrivercity.blogspot.com/2015/07/the-big-fixit-aint.html

Thank you.

M. Jane Murray and Larry C. Essman

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