

Zakrajsek Engineers, Inc.

From: Patrick Patton [ppatton@medinaoh.org]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2005 8:37 PM
To: president@lwhoa.org
Subject: RE: Detention basin/drain behind homes around 819 Savannah Trail

Mr. Syrone-

First, please allow me to apologize for not responding to you earlier.

Regarding your question, the short answer is yes, we can and have done the type of improvement we discussed. In fact, we are completing three similar projects at different areas across the City this year. We have a large demand for this type of project. We have many streams and creeks across the City, and along many of those stream areas there are erosion, flooding and aesthetic issues and concerns. As you might imagine, we have to prioritize these projects in order to complete the most critical ones first. For instance, one of the projects we completed this year involved a stream that has been overtopping its stream banks and flooding adjacent homes once or twice a year for at least the last 10 to 12 years. At another area the steam erosion was so severe that a large concrete headwall collapsed and fell into the steam. This stream is adjacent to an elementary school, a number of students travel through this area daily and the local residents had become very concerned about their safety.

As a side note, please be aware that, even with the urgency of both of these projects, due to design and development issues, funding concerns and the time necessary to acquire federal permits (US EPA and US Army Corps of Engineers), the 'lead time' between the decision to proceed with each of these projects and actual construction has been 24 to 30 months.

Certainly your project does involve stream erosion and aesthetic issues, however, I am not aware of any safety or flooding issues associated with your project. This is a very common situation for many of our urban steams across our community. Despite the progress that we are making this year with stream improvement projects, we still have a number of areas with flooding and severe erosion problems. With this in mind, I would anticipate that the earliest we would recommend your project to Council for their approval and funding would be in either 2006 or 2007. Certainly I am sure you would like to see this work done sooner; hopefully you can understand our need to prioritize the many worthwhile steam improvement projects in our City.

In my letter of August 31, 2004, I referenced that one of the City responsibilities would be to 'Clean out and general maintenance of detention basins behind 819 and 825 Savannah Trail'. Please be advised that earlier this year City Council considered a proposed policy regarding the City's responsibility pertaining to lakes and detention basins. The proposed policy intended to create a consistent method for handling the maintenance and repair requirements associated with the many lakes and detention basins across the community. Ultimately, City Council decided against adopting this policy. The result of that decision is that the City will not complete any maintenance or repair of any privately owned lakes and/or retention basins.

Thanks for your patience, again I apologize for my tardiness in responding to your initial inquiry. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Patrick Patton, PE
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From: LWHOA President [mailto:president@lwhoa.org]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2005 10:26 AM
To: Patrick Patton
Cc: McCulloch
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RE: Parcel # **029-19A-07-049** and
Your letter dated August 31, 2004

Mr. Patton:

I met with you approximately last summer of 2004 to discuss the condition of the storm drainage between Savannah Trail and Commerce Parkway. You agreed that the storm water drainage is a city responsibility, and that it needed maintenance. The

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overgrowth in this area is overwhelming and out of control, and desperately needs attention as soon as possible. I have not heard from you since that meeting, and would like to know if you will do anything to address this.

Vince Syrone, P.E.
Board of Trustees
President

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