

Subject: Notice of Appeal

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Attention: Rob Phillips City of Madison

Regards to Storm Water charges implemented on
Phase two Blooming Grove Residences

Parcels: 0710-241-0205-7, 0710-241-0206-5, 0710-
241-0207-3, 0710-241-0301-3

Starting on the first bill we received in January, I have been in contact with all the city engineers, head of stormwater Janet Schmidt, the DATCP Stephen Kemna, DNR and the FSA NRCS. I have also tried to contact the mayor's office, our alderman, with only getting responses of "Sorry we are working out of the office because of covid".

We now have a new District 16 Alderwoman that I have been in contact with which is helping bring this to light.

Our Complaint in general is the charges for stormwater. When this annexation was brought about, the city said there would be no changes from Blooming Grove except for the fire, police and garbage pickup. On December 28, 2020 our address got changed, we still don't get our mail or parcel deliveries without hassle, and we got notice of a wheel tax on our vehicles for city residents.

We have yet to see what our tax bill will look like in December of 2021. This brings us back to the storm water charges.

Talked with Phil Gaebler: Through conversation, he said this is a gray area for charges with no service to the area.

My Response: Why shouldn't we get the gray area until we get utility services to our property? We have maintained our own water without issue longer than we have been alive.

Talked with Greg Fries: Said if our water goes into the Madison stormwater system we were responsible. Gave me the wrong map showing our water discharge to madison.

My Response: Went to the NRCS and DNR, Got the correct map showing our discharge into the Door Creek Watershed going to Lake Kegonsa not Madison.

In the Public Facilities Needs Assessment, Door Creek Phase 2 Project Manual, as of now shows no improvements for our area to handle any stormwater until it gets developed.

This is an agriculture area, Many of these residents have had this farm land in their family for 50 to 100 years. The farms are all registered with the FSA / NRCS for land conservation and conservation practices to ensure the runoff is directed into maintained waterways that carry the water, the way it has to the Door Creek Watershed.

We all pay and have to maintain those practices to stay in compliance for the programs they provide us. One neighbor, she is 90, her bill was \$1400.00 per month which = \$16,800.00 per year. The rent she makes on the land pays the taxes. How do you expect people to pay those kinds of bills? They do say we can file for a farm land credit. But will still pay for services not rendered.

I have the 4 Parcels above, My bill totals approximately \$280.00. One parcel (0710-241-0301-3) is 7500. sq.ft. which is on the road "rite of way", tried to give it to my neighbor, when he found out it was in the city he wouldn't take it. With taxes and the storm charges, it is \$52.00 a month for a piece of land I can't use.

We all out here know that when you get services that it comes with a cost. We have no services, no sewer, we pay for our own septic upkeep, Our well is our responsibility, we pay for that also.
(Except for the new bill of \$355.00 from the City)
Our stormwater we pay for already through the FSA programs maintaining the conservation practices required to stay eligible for the programs.

I proposed to the City at this time that you grandfather in our agriculture area till the property is sold or developed and all the infrastructure has been designed and planned for. We already pay for taking

care of our water as I said through our FSA Programs. Our water right now, the way it flows, never touches the city of Madison watershed or becomes the responsibility of the city to maintain.

I have tried my best to discuss this in a reasonable manner, But at this time I think the City has the cart in front of the Horse. Development will come and at that time I'm sure the city with be ready and all the infrastructure will be in place.

Thank You,

Steve Gausmann