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**Date:** September 4, 2009

**To:** Property owners in the area bounded by Zwerg Drive, Glenway Street,  
Hillcrest Drive and S. Franklin Ave.

**Re:** Proposed Storm Sewer Assessment District

Previously you have received correspondence from this office regarding a drainage problem in the rear yard area of 3704 Hillcrest Drive. Further, you were notified of a Public Hearing before the Board of Public Works on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. After completion of the public hearing, the Board referred this item to:

**WHAT:** Board of Public works meeting  
**DATE:** September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
**WHEN:** 4:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Room 108 - City/County Building  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Madison, WI 53703

The board referred this as an item, meaning it will be on the normal agenda starting at 4:30 pm.

At the August 5, 2009 Board meeting engineering staff was directed by the Board to assess property owners' interest in installing a raingardens on their property (at their cost) instead of or in conjunction with an assessment district. We have done that and four (4) property owners (including the adversely affected property owner) expressed interest in that option. If this assessment district were to go forward, Engineering will recommend that areas draining to approved raingardens constructed before benefits are assessed (likely this time next year if the project went forward) be removed from the assessment district and those costs paid by the Stormwater Utility.

Additionally, as was reported at the August 5, 2009 hearing, an easement was needed from a new property owner (moving in on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009). This property owner has not gotten back to the City with regard to their interest in granting this easement. As a result, it is the intention of engineering staff to recommend to the Board that this item be placed on file without prejudice. This means that the item could be brought back at a future time if the acquisition of an easement became possible.

If you have questions on this matter please contact Greg Fries, of my staff. You may reach Greg at 608-267-1199 or [gfries@cityofmadison.com](mailto:gfries@cityofmadison.com).

Sincerely,

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