

Board of Public Works
Madison, WI

PUBLIC COMMENT RE:
2013 School Road Assessable Drainage Improvement Project

For consideration at Public Hearing 3 Sept 2013

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3910 School Road

I am urging the board withdraw support and remove this project from the construction calendar pending further investigation and scope revision.

The history of this problem revolves around creation of additional impervious area on school district property that redirected the drainage for 85% of this district away from the street and to the affected properties.

For fourteen years I have owned one of the handful of properties in this district that are subject to flooding and property damage during major rainfall events. During that period of time I have been party to several attempts to solve this issue, in concert with at least four alders and countless members of city engineering staff. Frustration over design concerns and the degree of involvement of the Madison Metropolitan School District have killed past proposed projects.

Unfortunately THIS project does not solve the problem and only corrects flooding on the lowest two properties. As designed, this project relieves flooding after a VAST majority of the runoff volume (70+% of the impervious area) has already damaged other properties at higher elevations.

Due to the difficulty of reaching consensus, it is highly unlikely that two projects would ever happen in this location making it increasingly important that the repair gets it right the first time.

It would be unfortunate if one or two property owners were able to convince an alder and thereby get unopposed approval for a project that half fixes the problem. I encourage the board to protect the taxpayers in this district, reject this project in favor of a design that addresses the needs of the entire district.

Thank You