



## Spring Valley Stormwater Drainage

### Today's Meeting Agenda, July 12, 2022

- Introductions
- Brief Re-cap / Background
- Options moving forward
- Discussions and Q&A

### Background

The Springvalley area is defined by Gulf Road on the west, Abbe Road on the east, the Ohio Turnpike on the south and the Whitman Ditch on the north, a total area of about 0.5 square miles (see map on the back). There are about 650 homes within this defined area. The area was annexed in the City of Elyria in the late 1950's. The streets within this area were built without curb and gutter; however roadside ditching conveyed storm runoff to either major drainage ways or a pipe system which eventually drain to the Whitman Ditch or the Black River.

Over time, some of the roadside ditches have been filled in by earlier property owners with pipes, field tiles or even with just dirt. The field tiles and ditch pipes were installed with no access for cleaning and often times without the approval or knowledge of the City. Therefore, these pipes remained the property owner's responsibility. Over the past decades, some of these ditch pipes have started to deteriorate to the point where sinkholes are forming in the front yards of property owners. Currently, the City fills these sinkholes with stone to prevent additional loss of property into the sinkhole and for safety purposes. The property owner remains responsible for any replacement or maintenance.

A public meeting was previously held in the Fall 2017. Information from property owners was collected pertaining to problem areas and concerns. Property owners also expressed what they would be willing to pay for as far as improvements. The program became idle during the pandemic, but it is time to begin moving forward.

Comment forms are available. Comments / forms may also be emailed to [engineer@cityofelyria.org](mailto:engineer@cityofelyria.org) or dropped off / mailed to City of Elyria Engineering, 131 Court St. Suite 303, Elyria, OH 44035.

***Thank you for attending!***

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