



CITY OF DEARBORN

Home Town of Henry Ford

MAYOR JOHN B. "JACK" O'REILLY, JR.

July 13, 2021

Honorable Warren C. Evans
Wayne County Executive
500 Griswold St. Suite #3111
Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: Greenfield Pump Station-south of Michigan Ave. & north of Rotunda Dr.

Dear Mr. Evans:

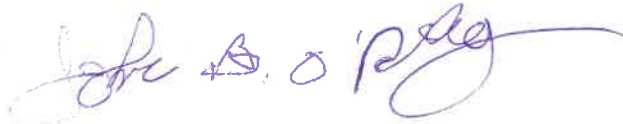
On June 25/26, 2021, the City of Dearborn experienced approximately 7.5" of rainfall within a short period of time. The above-referenced pump station, which is owned and maintained by Wayne County, experienced electrical and capacity malfunctions which resulted in severe flooding on Greenfield Rd., which is also owned and maintained by Wayne County. According to our information, there is no back-up generator for the pump station. As a result, Greenfield Rd. was flooded for four (4) days. A semi-truck and four (4) cars were submerged at that location during that time.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Station #1 of the Dearborn Fire Department (its headquarters) is located 3750 Greenfield Rd., which is immediately south of the underpass that flooded for four (4) days. While the underpass was flooded, the Dearborn Fire Department was unable to travel northbound on Greenfield Rd. to respond to emergency calls without taking a longer circuitous route travelling south on Greenfield Rd. to Rotunda Dr. to the Southfield expressway in order to reach areas immediately north of Station #1. Average Station #1 response time in 2021 was 6 minutes and 13 seconds in 2021; for the four days that Greenfield Rd. was flooded the average response time was increased to 9 minutes and 26 seconds. We are certain you will agree that this situation warrants your immediate attention to prevent a reoccurrence and possible tragedy.

Please direct appropriate Wayne County personnel to verify regular operation protocol of the pumping station; upgrade the pumps with larger capacity and larger outlet pipes to the Dearborn sewer system to dewater the grade separation faster; and install a generator to provide back-up power for the pump station.

Your consideration and attention to this important issue is appreciated.

Sincerely,



John B. O'Reilly, Jr.
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