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Dear Resident:

I wanted to share with you that design work has resumed on the Anderson Avenue Sidewalk project. At this juncture, the City anticipates that construction of the sidewalk from Forest Avenue to Mannakee Street would occur in the fall 2013. As part of the project, drainage concerns in the 400 block of Anderson Avenue and the 300 block of Beall Avenue have been considered, and options to reduce stormwater flow across homeowners' properties were developed. A summary of those options is provided below.

Option A – Construct the sidewalk project without additional work.

This option will reduce the stormwater flow across the residential property by 17 percent. A curb and gutter will be added along the roadway when the sidewalk is constructed, which will prevent some stormwater from entering the residential properties without any added expense to the sidewalk project.

Option B – Construct a pipe system.

This option involves installation of an underground pipe to carry water away from the private properties. It would require tree removal and easements from property owners. Because several pipe system layouts were considered, the cost increase above the base sidewalk project ranges from \$120,000 to \$150,000. Additionally, depending on the option, tree impacts range from two to four trees removed and the reduction in storm flow ranges from 31 to 74 percent.

Option C – Retaining wall and grading work (no pipe).

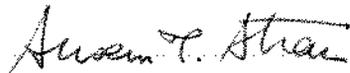
This option, which may cost between \$15,000 to \$20,000, would include removing two trees, constructing a 20-foot long retaining wall and grading on the 303 Anderson Avenue property. This option would remove an additional 14 percent of the flow (above the sidewalk project, Option A) for a total reduction of 31 percent.

Staff continues to support Option A at this time, which will reduce storm flow by approximately 17 percent without additional expense beyond the sidewalk project itself. The Mayor and Council will review which drainage option to implement at their April 22 meeting.

Because some residents have signed petitions supporting general drainage improvements in this block of Anderson Avenue, you are invited to provide comments about the drainage alternatives. Please provide written response to Anderson Avenue Sidewalk Project Manager Andrew Luetkemeier, by 5:00 p. m. on April 22. Alternatively, you may come to City Hall at 7:00 p. m. and speak at the Citizen's Forum portion of the Mayor and Council meeting to express your opinion directly to the Mayor and Council. You may view agenda material in advance of the meeting by visiting the City's Web site at <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/government/mc/index.htm>. The agenda materials are typically posted the Friday preceding the Mayor and Council meeting.

General sidewalk questions may be directed to Mr. Luetkemeier at 240-314-8524 or by e-mail at aluetkemeier@rockvillemd.gov.

Sincerely,



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