

October 20, 2025

## Skyline Flooding Mitigation Committee

Attendees: Joanne Boettcher, Kathy Johnston, Nancy Kluck, Janet Nelson, Rob Pipal, Matt Malvin

Guests present: Terri Evers, Brad Hornemann

Members Absent: Jen Heimer, Jim Attarian

### Summary

- Open discussion from the group members about the ways to share survey information that maintains residents' privacy. The group's consensus was that we use the information we have collected as working data only and contain the information to the members of the group at this time
- Guest Terri Evers came to the meeting to share the water history of her home as she knows it since 1969. There have been issues during heavy rains in the past. They have had water after heavy rain before. Their home is located at the very end of Line 1.
- Other examples of basement water were reviewed on the results chart.
- Some discussion followed after the group reviewed the results received from the survey. The feedback has resulted in data showing homes both on the inside lots and outside lots having water during heavy rains. This discussion led the group to the past history and current planned cleaning of the lines. The council adopted a twice a year plan for clean out. Members mentioned that Jetter Clean was on the hill today cleaning lines.
- Jim Attarian was with Jetter Clean for the clean outs, but was not at the meeting to provide a report. Members requested that Jim bring information to our next meeting on November 17 and share the results.
- Jen Heimer was not available at this meeting but plans to collect information from Empire Pipe Service. Brad Hornemann offered to contact his brother-in-law to help identify other scoping and video companies. He will report back to the group at the November 17 meeting. The group was curious about the recent Jetter Clean visit and if they have the equipment to video tape the drainage lines. Questions about the man holes and the distance between them. How many are more than 200 ft between?
- The discussion came around again to the importance of us knowing our system and its current condition. Until we have video evidence, we are only guessing at what the problems might be. There does appear to be a video available from 25 years ago that shows collapsed lines, but there's uncertainty if such an old video could really help much.
- Nancy shared the first draft of the Homeowners Guide to Addressing Basement Water issues which shares suggestions for residents to help prepare their properties for water flow away from their homes, offers helpful information on what residents should do if they have water issues, creative planting for helping absorb excess water in their yards. Members were encouraged to review the document and insert their ideas and recommendations. This is a work in progress with plans to present to residents in the early spring of 2026.
- Janet talked about the surveys and will send a reminder to people that the Flood Mitigation Committee is still collecting information. In a couple weeks members of the committee will join

Janet to contact homes that have not responded. The group also discussed the possibility that some residents may choose to decline offering information.

- Possible future work for the committee: Committee could make recommendations on policies regarding drainlines to the City of Skyline, which City Council could consider formally adopting. Homeowners could use more transparency about where the tile lines are, what is or is not appropriate to do, and even consider if sump pumps should be tied in to that (there may also be some interaction with the State Plumbing Code on that). The committee can continue discussing and possibly developing recommendations for this in the future.
- Joanne talked about the Small Communities Planning Grants and explained the reasoning for applying for only the Community Resilience part of the grant. She volunteered to begin working on this piece of the grant (BUT LATER COMMUNICATED THAT SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS).
- Matthew M. will look over the other suggested grant which addresses the planting of trees in areas of saturated soil and ground.
- Question was put forth if the storm drains on Skyline have ever been cleaned. This requires some research into the practice of cleaning storm drains and will require City Council input.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for 6:45 pm Monday, November 17.**

## Action items

	Item	Who is doing it?	Deadline
1	Brad H. will contact his brother-in-law about names of companies that do Video Scoping of tile/drain lines.	Brad H.	Bring information and results from initial contact to the November 17 meeting.
2	Continue to learn about our tile and drain line system. Talk to people who have information, review the survey information, look at reports from Jetter Clean and communicate our "so far" updates to the council.	Committee members.	Share any stories or information at the November 17 meeting.
3.	Get most recent information from the October 19th Jetter Clean visit and tile line cleaning.	Jim A.	Share information and report at the next meeting on November 17.
4	Provide updates to the city council at their regular meeting on the second Monday in November.	Joanne and committee members.	November 10
5	Look over the Homeowners Guide to Addressing Basement Flooding /	Nancy K./ all committee members	Bring Draft copy to October 22 meeting.

	<p>Improving Drainage created with Information from the survey data and our personal experiences, as well as best practices from a site assessment, micro hydrology, and soils/groundwater perspective, landscaping as well as suggested planting ideas.</p> <p>Add your input to the document for ongoing review by the committee.</p> <p><b><u>Likely distribution date in Spring of 2026.</u></b></p>		
6	Joanne will consider her ability to apply for the grant.	Joanne	Provide copy update to committee on November 17
7.	Review and assess if he can apply for the Tree Grant talked about at the meeting	Matthew M.	Bring copy and update committee to November 17 meeting.
8.	Continue updating information on Survey.	Janet	Bring updated information to the meeting on November 17.