

Heritage Erosion Committee

Meeting notes from 9.1.22

Went over the funding update from earlier this summer. St. Charles County nor the state of MO have started to assist Heritage homeowners who are experiencing issues due to erosion. Below are details of the funding that is earmarked for Heritage subdivision:

On 6/27/22 Bill #5078 was approved by the St. Charles County Council, funding amount to be determined. May be as much as 2.5 million. For more info here's the board meeting

minutes https://www.sccmo.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_06272022-1519

Link to proposed bill language: <https://www.sccmo.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/11049?fileID=32954>

On 6/30/22 Governor Parsons approved the state budget, this includes 2.5 million in funding dedicated to Heritage through the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act-Coronavirus funding).

HB 3020, SECTION 20.881 THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY – WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUND FOR ASSISTANCE WITH DRAINAGE AND EROSION ISSUES, AND SUBSIDENCE IN THE HERITAGE SUBDIVISION IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF ANY NECESSARY

At this time St. Charles County is waiting for guidance from the state regarding how the ARPA dollars can be spent before they will finalize the county money that they have agreed to match. There is a question on the final amount that will be matched by the state, the match does not need to be a 1:1 match.

Current contact with the state of MO is TJ Graven, Legislative Liaison for MO Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Concerned residents asked about how they can receive funding to help with erosion issues they may be facing. Currently expressing your concerns to the County Council is the best option to seek funding.

Josh and Victoria Poletti, owners of the home at #3 Summit Station shared that they are dealing with a very unsympathetic mortgage company who does not seem to understand the severity of their situation. We need to ensure that the mortgage company does not try to put a band aid on the foundation problems with #3 Summit Station. The land at the end of Summit Station/ backing up to Stonewall Station is continuing to shift/erode. Extreme measures need to be taken to ensure other home foundations do not fail.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

Alex Taylor shared that she has been in contact with the MS4 (contact with the state of MO and that there are 3 retention basins near the medical buildings that may not be helping with our erosion/stormwater issues. The basins around the medical building and the new building were reported to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and they contacted the City of St.

Peters to “warn” them that they need to be corrected. St. Peters has their own MS4 permit that they are responsible for. It looked like there was some activity around those areas after the report was filed. MODNR will not take any serious action until the complaints/damages escalate.

To learn more about the state’s MS4 program visit: <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/permits-certification-engineering-fees/stormwater/municipal-separate-storm-sewer-systems-ms4> and/or reach out to Alex Taylor (alexstaylor@icloud.com)

If you’d like to learn more about St. Peters stormwater routing into Heritage here are a few direct contacts:

St. Peter’s MS4 - 636-477-6600 ext. 1225
St. Peter’s City Grounds Department - 636-278-2244
St. Peter’s Projects - Jay Bergeron 636-477-6600 ext. 1384.

We need your help!

Please consider copying/pasting the text below in an email to Mr. Steve Ehlmann’s office. (apply your contact information/edits where you see fit).

Email address: executive@sccmo.org

Dear Mr. Ehlmann,

*I am contacting you as a concerned resident of Heritage subdivision in unincorporated St. Charles County, and I ask that you expedite any and all efforts to **SAVE HERITAGE HOMES**.*

*The mismanagement of stormwater drainage in our community has resulted in acres of land erosion and significant damage to dozens of homes in our neighborhood. 4 Summit Station had to be demolished in September 2021 because the damage was beyond repair, and 3 Summit Station is facing the same fate. Two families have lost their homes and many more are at risk if work does not begin immediately to **SAVE HERITAGE HOMES**.*

*On June 27, 2022, the St. Charles County Council passed Bill No. 5708 which authorized St. Charles County to match the funds required to utilize funding from HB 3020 Section 20.881, helping the residents of Heritage subdivision with “serious stormwater drainage and erosion issues”. Governor Parson signed HB3020 on June 30, 2022, designating funding begin on July 1, 2022. It has been over 3 months since funding became available, and nothing has been done to **SAVE HERITAGE HOMES**.*

*Please follow through on your commitment to help the residents of Heritage. Please **SAVE HERITAGE HOMES**.*

Name

Street Address

Phone Number

Email

County Councilman Update:

In the August primary election Tim Baker defeated incumbent John White for the District 7 seat. Baker will face Libertarian Brad Touchette in the November election. Tim has promised to fight for Heritage homes, let's keep him honest!

News You Can Use:

Thank you Angie Quigley & Janet Capitanelli for sharing the video below regarding swales & rain gardens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAY5jixv0Gc>

Also, let's not forget that honeysuckle is invasive and not good when you have erosion. Get rid of the honeysuckle! Read more to educate yourself, here's one source: <https://www.kcur.org/science-environment/2015-06-18/you-know-that-lovely-honeysuckle-its-destabilizing-the-environment-in-kansas-city>

Stay Involved

Next County Council meeting takes place on Monday, 10/31 at 7:00pm

The meetings take place at 100 N. Third Street

Next Erosion Committee Meeting:

Thursday, 11/3, 6:30pm-7:30pm (Please RSVP as you can)

Location: Northroads Church, Jungs Station Rd. (same location as monthly HRA meetings)

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