

RE Blair road flooding

From: Mollerup, Lauren C., P.E. (VDOT)
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Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 5:55 PM
To: Mason BOS Email; 'Ajibola Robinson'
Cc: Hicks, Bill; Abbott, Emily; 'nomadgirlmc@gmail.com'; Schell, Bill;
Pizana, Clara; Weyant, Jack W.; 'delkoryla@gmail.com'; Hakim, Gaby Y.
(VDOT); Morris, Joan (VDOT); Cuervo, Helen L., P.E. (VDOT); Ridenour,
Sara D.; Humphries, Larry E. (VDOT); Riser, Melvin C. (VDOT); Thomas,
Kevin F (VDOT); Vlacich, Branco (VDOT); Patteson, James W.; Araujo,
Jose' S. (VDOT); Sarang, Pawan, P.E. (VDOT); Beacher, Andrew (VDOT);
Meinhardt, Wanda J. (VDOT)
Subject: RE: Blair road flooding

Thank you for the update and everyone's partnership. We will continue to monitor the area. Due to the weather, we have many drainage concerns we are currently dealing with.

We are committed along with the County to find "long-term" solutions for your case and others.

Sincerely, Lauren

-----Original Message-----

From: Mason BOS Email [Mason@FairfaxCounty.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 04:05 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: 'Ajibola Robinson'; Mollerup, Lauren C., P.E. (VDOT)
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Subject: RE: Blair road flooding

Mr. Robinson: Thank you for the photos of flooding at Blair Road and Columbia Pike. The cones were placed by the police at my request after I came by there around 10:30 this morning and saw that the water was beginning to collect. There is a lot of flooding with the excessive rain all over the county, but I am sharing your photos with the police department for their information and extra precautions if necessary.

Penelope A. Gross

Mason District Supervisor

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

From: Ajibola Robinson [mailto:aji002@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 3:50 PM

To: Mollerup, Lauren C., P.E. (VDOT)

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Ms. Mollerup,

Good day. Just to give you an update. With today's downpours, the road is flooded. It appears County or VDOT actually came out and put up a sign and cones to block the flooding but that did not deter motorists. It seems some other solutions are required to solve the issue both for the short and long term.

I am sending pictures taken today.

Thanks

Ajibola Robinson PMP
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On Mon, Apr 21, 2014 at 1:00 PM, Mollerup, Lauren C., P.E. (VDOT)

<Lauren.Mollerup@vdot.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hi All - I wanted to circle back with everyone on this. Last week, (April 16, 2014), our (VDOT)

maintenance crews cleaned out the subject location with a vac truck and ensured that all of

VDOT's stormwater structures (inclusive of drop inlets and crossover pipes) were properly

flushed and open. There was some dirt/sediment noted on the shelves of the inlets, but this will

not compromise the performance of the structures, so they should function properly.

There was

a tree sapling removed as well, but it was confirmed that the main structure was not affected.

In previous correspondence, Bill eluded to our agencies exploring together long-term fixes for

these situations. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the location and ensure that our

infrastructure is free of debris, as to mitigate stormwater affects as best as possible until an

ultimate solution is reached.

Sincerely,

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From: Ajibola Robinson [<mailto:aji002@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 6:52 PM

To: Hicks, Bill

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Last set of additional pictures. We want everyone to have an accurate picture of the situation.

Thanks again for attending to this in a timely manner.

Cars STILL driving through!

So the police had to come back! And now, I guess stay

Thanks

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On Tue, Apr 15, 2014 at 1:09 PM, Hicks, Bill <william.Hicks@fairfaxcounty.gov> wrote:
Emily (Ffx Co DPWES),

I have copied Lauren Mollerop (VDOT) on this e-mail. Can you work with her to create a high priority work order for VDOT to clean these catch basins. This is not a total solution but certainly it is unacceptable for trees to grow up through the grates.

Lauren, If this does not fit into your (Gabby's) high priority list please reach back to me.

Mr. Robinson, I appreciate the gravity of your situation. And you are certainly correct that having trees grow up out of VDOT catch basins is unacceptable. We will work to usher this short-range remedy through. In regards to a longer-term, permanent situation I believe that those individuals copied on this e-mail are working steadily toward a positive end There are no quick fixes but I do believe that efforts expended during the last few years on your community's behalf will bear fruit in the coming months.

It's the best I've got. If you'd like to talk to me directly, I'll be back in the office next week.

-Bill

Sent from my mobile device.

From: Ajibola Robinson [mailto:aji002@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 12:26 PM
To: Hicks, Bill

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Bill,

Good day and thanks for the reply. Unfortunately, your email brings no comfort at all and offers no solution to the ongoing serious problem. Essentially, you are informing us that we will need to endure this situation through the severe weather season and beyond to an unknown future date. Now we are being told the responsibility of fixing publicly-owned infrastructure is the responsibility of a private developer.

As regards the private development, if the process started in 2007, seven years have gone by and plans have not even been approved by the County. This obviously indicates there is a problem somewhere. If a residential development Use Permit, or the necessary building permits have not yet been obtained, it is unlikely anything is happening anytime soon! We are aware that the County currently has a backlog on permit approvals, so all things considered, in reality, nothing is likely to happen this year. Meanwhile, the plants in the inlets continue to grow exponentially! This appears to be a public / private partnership that is not producing the desired results.

As the construction continues to be delayed, with the problem having been identified as far back as 2007, we are now looking at seven years of continual neglect in which the situation has gone from bad to worse.

Currently, the Bailey's Road Volunteer Fire station is under redevelopment after the roof caved in four years ago in the 2010 snow storm. Since then, via the Fairfax CIP process, and the County public safety bond, a temporary fire station has been built, and the new fire station is under construction.

The fire station--a Fairfax County project--is practically right across the street from Blair Road where we have this serious flooding problem. I am unsure why the storm water repair was not included in the County owned and funded fire station redevelopment, considering that the real possibility of the roadway caving in or creating a sinkhole is indeed a public safety concern. There is obviously a delay with the private developer. And this can be for a host of reasons.

I suspect the private development you refer to is the Holmes Run Park Overlook. First, that development is along Columbia Pike, to the south of the Blair Road junction. The

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site plan does not indicate there is any work to be done on Blair Road, save for some tie ins to the below ground storm system. The limits of disturbance do not appear to include any work to be done at the four inlets on Blair road that are blocked.

Secondly, you indicated construction is to begin this Fall, however a visit to the developer's website, Stanley Martins Homes, does not list this development at all nor does it mention it coming online any time soon on their website. <http://www.stanleymartin.com/SMCWEB/Projectsallmetro.asp?MetroAreaID=1000&>

Has this project been taken over by a different developer?

As you noted, one can never tell when the County permit review process will be concluded due to comments and revisions to the Construction Documents. Especially considering in this specific situation as regards the storm water system, as of July 1st 2014, Fairfax County will most likely begin to implement the new regulations mandated from the revised State VSMP, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permitting process as regards Erosion and Sediment Control (E&SC permits) and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPP). So it highly likely becomes an added requirement for developers to meet before permits will be issued. For these reasons, we feel strongly that there must be a temporary solution that the Department of Public Works can provide to alleviate the problem while the developer goes through the Use Permit and Building Permit process. At a minimum, the vegetation should be removed from the inlets and vacuums periodically used to flush and/or suck out what might be blocking the four inlets from functioning adequately until the developer eventually mobilizes to site.

Today is yet another anticipated full day of rain, and another day of worry and anxiety for us as to what will happen to our home. By 9.30am this morning, on a day we expect continuous rain until midnight, the flooding is already taking place. Please swing by to see it for yourself. We would greatly appreciate your department making this a high priority for a resolution, even if temporary, as noted earlier. I think it is fair to say that this is an unreasonable situation for any resident to be in!

The attached pictures I took this morning already show my neighbors front yard on Columbia Pike half submerged and the inlet at the the junction already overcome. In the background on some of the pictures, you can see how close the fire station currently under construction is to the flooding area.

Thanks again for your reply.

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On Mon, Apr 7, 2014 at 4:48 PM, Hicks, Bill <William.Hicks@fairfaxcounty.gov> wrote:
Mr. Robinson,

Thank you for reaching out to the County regarding this flooding issue. I wanted to touch back with you and let you know that the County is actively working this issue.

In 2007, with the help of Supervisor Gross's office, the County and a private developer executed an agreement to attenuate the flooding in this area. Under this agreement the adjacent developer will construct the offsite stormwater improvements necessary to mitigate the flooding at this intersection. The Developer has designed the project and is in the process of submitting the plans to the County's Land Development Services for permits (The plans are expected to be in hand next week). The County will need to review them and provide comments. The Developer would like to begin construction this fall. This is a possibility but until the County reviews the plans and sees what issues there may be there is no way to confirm this.

This project will take time to process and construct but please know that we are moving forward.
-Bill

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From: Mason BOS Email
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 12:36 PM
To: 'Ajibola Robinson'
Cc: 'Mary K. Clune'
Subject: RE: Blair road flooding

Good afternoon Mr. Robinson. I am responding to your e-mail on behalf of Supervisor Gross. Thank you for contacting our office about the drainage concern described in your letter (attached). The photographs you included also are helpful.

Based on the information provided, it may be necessary to coordinate with the staff at the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and the Virginia Department of Transportation. Our office will contact the appropriate staff at both county and state agencies and look into this matter on your behalf.

If additional information is needed, our office will contact you. Our office also will follow up with you when we have identified the appropriate county and state staff to discuss this matter. I hope this information is helpful to you, and thank you for contacting our office.

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Sincerely,

Clara Pizana
Office of Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross
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From: Ajibola Robinson [mailto:aji002@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 12:28 AM
To: Mason BOS Email
Cc: Mary K. Clune
Subject: Blair road flooding

Ms. Gross,

Good day. Please find attached a letter as regards a serious drainage problem in front of our home at the junction of Columbia Pike and Blair Road. We look forward to having the problem finally fixed.

Thank you

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