

2020 Stormwater Master Plan - Virtual Open House
July 20 - August 7

Questions and Comments

1. "I read it over and was quite impressed with how detailed and comprehensive this is - I did not realize we had this level of flood/storm water management going on in Salem. It seems that the City of Salem has taken many steps to monitor water levels and to prevent flooding. The rain garden on the ROW in front of our house does exactly what was intended. Thank you. I applaud plans to construct more and to have developers manage run off."
2. "Good content! The sound quality and/or vocal quality in the video presentations could be better. Many words are difficult to hear. Thanks for including the written script of the videos. You might want to consider using a trained script reader in the future and/or using better quality sound recording."
3. "Flooding along Pringle Creek does not happen often. However, Pringle Creek drains the east facing hills in south Salem, making flooding even with modest rainfall events almost inevitable. The City, if not in conjunction with FEMA, should contemplate the purchase of flooded properties to return the properties to an undeveloped state as part of its Stormwater Master Plan. It makes little sense to have properties along creeks, especially housing, that is frequently flooded, then rehabilitated with flood insurance money, only to be flooded again. This cycle leads to investing multiple millions in houses and other structures worth far, far less."
4. "Raising the height above the flood plane of development pads along Mill Creek is leaving fewer and fewer acres to store run off. And, moving water quickly downstream by removing vegetation and channelizing simply moves the problem downstream into the core developed area of Salem. The Pringle Creek Plan that I reviewed notes the pressure placed on Pringle by overflows of Mill Creek run-off and the areas that flooded along Pringle in recent storm events."
5. "Some thought might be devoted in the Claggett and Pudding River plans when those plans are undertaken to moving excess Mill Creek run-off around the periphery of Salem. Such a scheme may be cost prohibitive, but should be evaluated in terms of off-sets to 1996/1997 type flooding."
6. "The Mill Creek plan seems well prepared."
7. "Stormwater is a recurring riparian related issue in Salem which needs clear a focused plans and objectives."
8. "I noticed the claim that environmental interests were involved in the Stormwater Advisory Committee, yet I saw no names of any representatives of any environmental organizations, only commercial and development interests. This will result in a plan that

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is designed to favor those interests. Why was there no balance on this committee?
How were members of this committee selected?"

9. "An observation / comment. The City collects a stormwater management fee as part of its water/sewer billing. Presumably, the Stormwater Master Plan guides the spending of this resource. However, I don't recall that the connection was made in the presentations."
10. "The Fairview Mitigation Wetland was not mentioned as an engineered detention basin. It does provide that service. The outlet structure was strengthened within the last several years to prevent erosion. The wetland / basin / berm could be improved to provide additional retention."
11. "Removal of invasive species; education programs in conjunction with volunteer opportunities."

Other Issues or Concerns

1. "Not sure if our house at 3414 Edward Dr, SE is in 100 year flood zone. West Fork Pringle Creek is between our backyard and Gilgamesh property."
2. "Flooding of streets: 14th St NE near Mill Creek and State St. near Mill Creek. Also the basement of a house near Mill Creek. Moved here in Jan. 2006."
3. "Stormwater revenue needs must be directed to stormwater related activities rather than an inadequately budgeted catch all capital funding source."
4. "Stream health, particularly adequate riparian corridors, habitat protection and water quality."