

PELHAM HEATH NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

The latest news about the Fund for Lake Michigan Stormwater Grant



Meeting Recap

The second Pelham Heath Neighborhood meeting was held December 6th at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. Thank you to all those who attended; we had great turnout!

For those who missed it, this collaborative meeting included examining and discussing the Social Map (top image) which was created from the individual property maps returned to Sweet Water. Additionally, Hey and Associates Ecological and Landscape Architecture Engineering shared their newly created Stormwater Flow Path Map (bottom image).



Why Are These Maps Important?

The Social and Stormwater Flow Path Maps, together, help explain why areas in your neighborhood flood. The Social Map uses your knowledge of flooding on your property and helps ground truth the results from the Stormwater Flow Path Map. The Stormwater Flow Path Map uses LIDAR, a tool that uses light to map the ground's surface. This map is used to predict the flow and path taken by stormwater on land. The two maps, together, complement each other-each providing important information to explain the reasons for flooding in your neighborhood.

Top: Social Map **Bottom:** Stormwater Flow Path Map

It's not too late! In November, project surveys were hand-delivered to Pelham Heath Residents. The purpose of the survey is to help better gauge the impact of this project. Completed surveys are anonymous and completely confidential. If you haven't already done so, kindly complete and submit your survey to Sweet Water in the stamped envelope provided. If you misplaced your survey, please contact Samantha Katt, katt@swwtwater.org, to receive a new one.

Ask for the Red Marker!

The results from these maps are exciting and participation at December's meeting was plentiful, however, the Social Map is incomplete, missing input from roughly half of the residents. To ensure the success of this project, we need your help in completing the map comparison.

Please stop by the Village Hall and ask for the Red Marker. You can draw on the map where you experience flooding on your property. Alternatively, you can submit your individual map, which was hand delivered to you last month, to Sweet Water or the Village of Bayside.

This Fund for Lake Michigan funded project is a unique opportunity for the Village of Bayside. It can play a role in helping alleviate flooding in the Pelham Heath neighborhood and could be used as a model for other urban communities facing stormwater challenges. For more information and updates on the project, please visit the grant webpage.

We hope to see you at the next neighborhood meeting in February, details to be provided mid-January.

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