

January 2016

Dear Governor Haley,

My name Samantha Walker and this letter is in reference to the storm drain in my County of Sumter. In the last 2 years my area has had heavy to moderate rain at times which can cause flash flooding. The problem that can occur is that the drainage system fails to protect our neighborhood from being over taken by high water levels which can reach pool level measurements. It takes less than 10 to 15 minutes for the road to fill up with water and my property and that of my neighbors to have our yards flowing with water. I have contacted Public Works in my County of Sumter for the last 2 years about this problem and every time I am given the following response:

- We have already checked on the problem.
- There will be a work order placed.
- the pipes are too small and they have hard a time draining the water on the road.

This neighborhood is known to flood for years according to the neighbors who have lived here for years.

The storm drain usually is filled with standing water which creates a smell and insects. This is very unhealthy for the community. My neighbors have expressed to me that this problem has been ongoing as they have complained and no results were given as their complaints were ignored. The address where the drainage is the worst is 5 West Bee Street this whole street has only one drainage area and water falls down to this street from the other adjusting streets. We are asking help for this community. Our homes are being damaged every time flood waters happen. I have written and called Public Works and expressing my distress but no real solution has been given. Cars and trucks will attempt to drive through this area when it floods as this can be a busy area for traffic this causes a rippling effect as more water is pushed into our yard. I cannot enjoy my home as I become stressed at the thought of rain and it could cause flooding. We ask for any help we can get with this matter.

Sincerely,


Samantha Walker

We as a neighborhood are very much affected by the flooding in our area over the last several years. We are seeking your help in improving the damaging flood levels in our community by replacing or fixing the storm drainage.

1. Mr. Elizabeth Thompson 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ West - Beech
2. Charles L. Thompson 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ West - Beech
3. Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Wilson 6 - West - Beech
4. Mr. Eugene Brunner 502 South Main St.
5. Marian R. Carey 426 S. Main St.
Samuel W. Walker 5 West Beech Street