

March 24, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Storm Water Runoff

Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing from the Lake Bowen area of Spartanburg county. For years, we homeowners, below Narrow Circle Road, Inman, have suffered damage from Storm Water runoff from the pipe installed above us by the county. I have seen this flow be 15-20 feet wide during torrential rains – which we do have quite often. The homeowner above me recently had to have his foundation repaired due to the water damage. We put in heavy drainage on my property about 15 years ago try to divert that water to Narrow Lane and on to the Lake. However, with the newer pipe the county installed a few years ago, it's worse than ever. It's really scary and damaging.

I have contacted the county (Spartanburg) over the years & again this year. They say they cannot help us. I think this Storm Water runoff may be in violation of the Storm Water regulations – all this water eventually ends up in Lake Bowen – a water reservoir. It would be better to pipe it to the Lake with less over the ground contamination of the water. I also wonder if we can get money from the Federal "fix the infrastructure" fund to fix this problem and all the problems in Spartanburg County – maybe in the State. The county people indicate that this is a situation that others have as well. This could be an opportunity to put people to work, fixing issues that really help people. Maybe, just like a business, we can list the areas needing help – usually older communities like mine- and each year fix a number until they are all healed over a 5 year period. At least it would be proactive.

Thank You for your time and I welcome your assistance,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen Chandler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Helen" and last name "Chandler" clearly distinguishable.

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