

1. Maintenance and Repair of Stormwater Main Pipes in the GHI Community

When the Federal Government divested itself of the original Greenbelt community in 1952 and 1953, the existing storm water system serving Old Greenbelt was conveyed to the City of Greenbelt. Several failures of the storm water system have occurred recently. Attachment # 1 is a letter from GHI's Board President Stefan Brodd to the City Council who suggested that the City should consider utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to investigate the condition of storm water main pipes and line them to considerably expand their lifespan. GHI welcomes a response from the City Council regarding our suggestion.

GHI suggests that a memorandum of understanding be established between GHI and the City regarding repairs to storm water main pipes on GHI's property. Issues that should be addressed, include but are not limited to the following items:

- a. Procedures for notifying the City about defective pipes that require repairs.
- b. Response times for undertaking repairs.
- c. Should GHI be allowed to undertake repairs after informing the City and if so, how would GHI be reimbursed?

2. Status of Negotiations with WSSC re: Replacement of Water Supply Pipes for GHI's Masonry Homes

The underground water pipes for GHI's masonry buildings were installed during 1935-37. In a 1958 agreement signed by the Washington Sanitary Suburban Commission (WSSC), the City of Greenbelt, and GHI, WSSC took ownership of the water piping up to the meter boxes located at the housing units. The meter boxes are approximately 5 feet away from the front walls of the buildings.

In 2008, the WSSC first informed GHI that it planned to replace the water supply pipes. but intended to install new meters some distance away from the buildings and transfer responsibility for the future maintenance and repair of the pipes between the new meters and the buildings to GHI. Negotiations have been at an impasse because GHI does not wish to accept responsibility for extra costs associated with the maintenance and repair of additional pipes.

GHI's Board of Directors would like to resume negotiations with WSSC and will inform the City Council during the work session, about the steps that are being taken in that regard.

3. Drainage Problem Affecting Courts at 33 Ridge Rd & 56 Crescent Rd and 1 Court Gardenway

When it rains moderately hard or very hard, water flows down the walkways adjacent to units such as 56 C-H Crescent Rd, 33E-V Ridge Rd, and 1C-K Gardenway, into members' yards and also down the walkway beneath the tunnel that leads to the Sunoco gas station on Crescent Rd. In such situations, residents must either wear boots or waterproof shoes, or stay home. Some of the contributing factors are water run-off from City streets, GHI parking lots, and the City park that is between 33 Ct Ridge Rd and 56 Crescent Rd.

In 2015, GHI sought a grant from both the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Chesapeake Bay Trust to address the drainage problem, but the applications were unsuccessful.

During the GHI/City Council work session in 2019, GHI proposed that the City of Greenbelt and GHI work together to design and implement a drainage solution to remediate the problem, preferably with the project financed wholly or partially by grant funds. GHI proposes to engage a civil engineering firm to design a solution to the drainage problem. Would the City of Greenbelt be willing to share the costs for hiring the engineering firm and implementing a drainage solution?

4. Update re: Installation of Light Fixtures in the City Park Between 11 and 13 Courts of Ridge Rd

In 2017, City of Greenbelt staff surveyed members who reside at 11 N-V Ridge Rd and 13 A-H Ridge Rd to determine their opinion for/against pathway lighting in the City Park between the Courts at 11 and 13 Ridge Rd. During a GHI/City Council work session in 2019, the City Council requested GHI to survey the interest of our members in having lights installed.

The table below summarizes the results of the survey that GHI conducted, involving members who reside in the Courts at 8 and 10 Southway, 14 and 16 Ridge Rd, 11 Ridge Rd and 13 Ridge Rd.

Table: Summary of Survey Results

Court	Qty of Units	Qty of Survey Responses	Should Light Fixtures be Installed?	
			Yes	No
10 Ct. Southway	22	5	5	0
11 J-V Ridge Rd.	12	5	3	2
13 A-M Ridge Rd.	12	4	2	2

14 Ct. Ridge Rd.	28	9	9	0
16 Ct. Ridge Rd.	28	7	6	1
8 Ct. Southway	12	4	3	1
Totals	114	34	28	6

On June 11, 2020, GHI provided the results of the member survey to the City Manager, with a request that the City of Greenbelt consider engaging a landscape lighting consultant to recommend the quantity and specific placements of light fixtures that should be installed to provide adequate illumination along the walkway, while minimizing light pollution from affecting the residents of 11N-V Ridge Rd and 13A-H Ridge Rd. GHI would like an update on the City’s plan to install the light fixtures.

5. Measures to Improve Cell Phone Service, Especially during Emergencies

There are several “dead spots” or areas within GHI and Old Greenbelt in which cell phones signals are weak and their reception is poor. Consequently, some cell phones cannot be used to make emergency 911 or 988 calls in the dead spot locations. Could the City consider undertaking a survey to establish where the “dead spots” are and take action to alleviate the problem?

6. Maintenance of Trees

GHI Board of Directors suggests that the GHI and the City should coordinate plans to ensure a sustainable and healthy tree canopy within GHI and City woodland parcels. Some City-owned trees that border GHI appear to be diseased. Has the City undertaken hazard assessments of those trees to ensure that they do not pose a danger to persons or property?