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Hi Kathy and John:

The Fuller Road project is funded, I am told, and is inside the Obama stimulus package with construction to begin about September 1.

My concern is about the stream coming out of the retention pond off of Fuller (between 303 Fuller and 275 Fuller, Jack Barnum's home and that of Paul Scoville). The pond was built for Freedom Quad on University property but it now receives water from NanoTech as well. The stream runs into a catch basin and then crosses underneath Fuller to the heating plant area and then south under Fuller to Western.

The topographic map for the area indicates that the NanoTech site is north of the high point along this section of Fuller Road—the high point is roughly coincident with the cemetery. Therefore NanoTech storm water traditionally ran north to the Patroon Creek area. But it nows runs south to Western Avenue. It is exasperating the flooding of Western Avenue as well as taking up the very limited storm water pipe space so that the storm water coming out of Providence, Mercer and Warren Streets in McKownville has no place to go and these basements are filling up with storm water which, of course eventually does get pumped out into the Fuller Road pipe and on down to Western. (We nearly lost a home from storm water damage, the Plant's home on Providence).

The retention pipe is yours and the stream is yours, the Fuller Road storm water pipe belongs to Albany County.

At meetings with Tom Yurkewecz and others we in McKownville remember being told that none of the storm water from NanoTech retention ponds and parking lots would be running into McKownville. It goes north, we were told, and would continue go north. That obviously is not now the case. McKownville and Western Avenue is getting NanoTech storm water which it did not use to get.

Obviously with the rebuilding of Fuller Road it is time to correct this storm water problem—a better time to do this may not occur for another 50 years or more. To say that many people are concerned about this probelm is not an exaggeration—Stuyvesant Plaza, NYSDOT, the Town of Guilderland, the Christ Lutheran Church, Albany County, Jack Barnum, Paul Scoville, thousands of motorists and the list goes on.

I assume this is not a matter that can be settled by an email and I would enjoy meeting with you, at your soonest convenience, to discuss this problem.

Thank you.

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