



Legislation Text

File #: 100418, **Version:** 0

100418

ORIGINAL

ALD. BOHL, HAMILTON, KOVAC, WADE, MURPHY, DUDZIK, WITKOWSKI AND COGGS

Resolution creating a Flooding Study Task Force to recommend remedies for storm water and sewage backup flooding of City residential and commercial properties, and flooding of streets and alleyways.

This resolution creates a Flooding Study Task Force to recommend remedies for storm water and sewage backup flooding of City residential and commercial properties, and flooding of streets and alleyways.

This resolution further directs the Flooding Study Task Force to include in its review an evaluation and analysis of the region's storm water and sewage capacity, and shall include all relevant capacity recommendations with its findings.

The chair of this Flooding Study Task Force shall be designated by the Common Council President, and the task force shall be staffed by the City Clerk's Office. The 7-member Flooding Study Task Force shall include:

1. 2 Council members appointed by the Common Council President.
2. The Commissioner of Public Works or the Commissioner's designee.
3. The Executive Director of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District or the Executive Director's designee.
4. The Executive Director of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission or the Executive Director's designee.
5. One member appointed by the Mayor.
6. One member appointed by the Common Council President.

The Flooding Study Task Force shall report its findings not later than February 1, 2011, and shall thereafter be dissolved.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee has been beset by chronic storm water and sewage backup flooding of City residential and commercial properties, and flooding of streets and alleyways; and

Whereas, Storm water and sewage backup flooding of residential and commercial properties poses serious possible health risks, burdens residents and other property owners with expensive cleanup, appliance and furnishings replacements and repair costs, and diminishes the quality of life for residents; and

Whereas, Storm water and sewage backup flooding of residential and commercial properties not only burdens the City's tight budget with the costs of additional police, fire and other emergency response services and the costs for additional trash pickups of furnishings and building materials damage during the flooding, but it reduces property values by damaging homes and businesses and threatens the City's long-term financial viability by eroding its tax base; and

Whereas, Storm water and sewage backup flooding of residential and commercial properties may diminish the quality of life to the point residents flee the City and potential new residents refuse to seriously consider moving to Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Flooding of streets and alleyways, and covers popping off sewer manholes from surging floodwater pressure, pose a significant threat to the health and safety of drivers, passengers and pedestrians; and

Whereas, Flooding of streets and alleyways and dislocated manhole covers burden the City not only with increased police, fire and other emergency response expenses, but with costly, emergency repairs to the City's infrastructure as graphically evidenced during the July 22, 2010, rainstorm when a sinkhole opened up at Oakland and North Avenue which the City must repair at considerable expense; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that a Flooding Study Task Force is created to recommend remedies for storm water and sewage backup flooding of City residential and commercial properties, and flooding of streets and alleyways; and, be it

Further Resolved, The Flooding Study Task Force shall include in its review an evaluation and analysis of the regional's storm water and sewage capacity, and shall include all relevant capacity recommendations with its findings; and, be it

Further Resolved, The chair of this Flooding Study Task Force shall be designated by the Common Council President, and the task force shall be staffed by the City Clerk's Office; and, be it

Further Resolved, The Flooding Study Task Force membership shall consist of the following 7 members:

- 1 2 Council members appointed by the Common Council President.
- 2 The Commissioner of Public Works or the Commissioner's designee.
- 3 The Executive Director of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage

- District or the Executive Director's designee.
- 4 The Executive Director of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission or the Executive Director's designee.
 - 5 One member appointed by the Mayor.
 - 6 One member appointed by the Common Council President.

; and, be it

Further Resolved, All departments are directed to assist the Flooding Study Task Force as requested to complete its mission; and, be it

Further Resolved, The Flooding Study Task Force shall report its findings to the Common Council not later than February 1, 2011, and shall thereafter be dissolved.

LRB #10634-1
ANC
07/23/10