

# Louise Avenue storm drainage improvement project

your storm water fees at work

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## Background/History of the Project:

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services, along with consulting engineers, United Infrastructure of the Carolinas (USI), are working towards the completion of construction/design plans. The proposed design incorporates solutions to address citizen requests for service, additional storm water run-off due to redevelopment and system age. This design will reduce street and structure flooding within the project area while improving open channel areas.

## Progress Report:

Storm Water Services is currently on schedule as it proceeds with the Design Phase of the project. Prior to completion of the Design Phase, property owners will have the opportunity to provide additional input during an upcoming public meeting.

## Next Steps:

- Complete the design plans
- Finalize easement documents
- Obtain construction permits from Federal, State and Local Agencies
- Begin construction

As a property owner, if you would like to provide input regarding the project, please feel free to fill out a survey form on the project webpage. Your input is appreciated.

For more information about this project and schedule, please visit our website at <http://stormwater.charmeck.org> and click on **Storm Water Projects, Storm Water Projects** again, then **Louise**.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager, Danée McGee at [dmcgee@ci.charlotte.nc.us](mailto:dmcgee@ci.charlotte.nc.us) or 704-336-4102.



## Responsible lawn care is important.

Lawn maintenance can make a house and yard a beautiful home. However, what we do to maintain our lawns could be detrimental to the environment around us. Remember, anything mixed with rain becomes storm water pollution including fertilizers, pesticides and weed killers. Storm water pollution flows directly to our creeks and lakes without any treatment. Responsible handling and usage of lawn chemicals makes us good stewards of our creeks and lakes.

## Good lawn housekeeping tips:

- ◆ Apply fertilizers and pesticides exactly where you want them. Avoid over-spraying them onto sidewalks, driveways or streets.
- ◆ Use slow-release fertilizers and never apply lawn chemicals before a heavy rain.
- ◆ Blow leaves and grass clippings into your yard instead of into the street to wash down the storm drain. Insist that your landscaper do the same.
- ◆ Sweep up trash and debris instead of washing or blowing it away.
- ◆ Use native plants in your yard for easier, less expensive long-term maintenance.



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