

Louise Avenue storm drainage improvement project

your storm water fees at work

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Dear Resident:

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services is nearing completion of easement negotiations. Final design and review of construction documents is underway. This is the last step before the project enters bid phase, which typically lasts five months. We expect to start construction by late summer 2011 and it will take about two years. The downstream system near the CSXT Railroad culvert at Hawthorne Lane will be constructed first with the upstream drainage system at Thomas Avenue to follow. Steps are being taken to minimize road closures so traffic flow can be maintained during the construction process.

Progress Report:

Storm Water Services is currently on schedule as it proceeds with the final design phase of the project.

Next Steps:

- 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, Active Projects, then Louise.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager, Danée McGee at dmcgee@charlottenc.gov or 704-336-4102.



Pollution Prevention:

A Guide to Yard Waste

Lawn maintenance can make your house and yard more beautiful. When it rains, water flows off our yards, streets and parking lots directly to our creeks and lakes without ever being cleaned. As it flows to storm drains, storm water can pick up anything in its path including oil, dirt, litter, pet waste and yard chemicals.

Yard Waste

Not only does yard waste cause blockages to the drainage system which leads to localized flooding, it can also quickly super-fertilize streams and lakes which leads to algae blooms and fish kills.

- Sweep up yard debris from streets and sidewalks instead of washing it away.
- Blow leaves and grass clippings back into your yard instead of leaving them in the street to wash down the storm drain.
- Never dump grass clippings and other yard waste into storm drains or on creek banks.
- Curb bagged yard waste or compost it.



For more information on pollution prevention or yard waste, call 311 or visit us at <http://stormwater.charmeck.org>.



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