

Louise Avenue

storm drainage improvement project

your storm water fees at work

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Background/History of the Project:

In an effort to improve storm water related issues in your neighborhood, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services, along with consulting engineers, United Infrastructure of the Carolinas (USI), have completed a planning study. This study outlines opportunities to improve infrastructure based upon citizen requests for service, additional storm water run-off due to redevelopment, and system age. From this study, a set of recommended system improvements which provide the most cost benefit and reduction of street and structure flooding within the project area have been chosen.

Progress Report:

Storm Water Services has started the Design Phase of the project and is currently negotiating construction fees with USI. Prior to completion of the construction plans, property owners will have the opportunity to provide additional input regarding their preferences throughout the Design Phase.

Next Steps:

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

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



DISPOSE OF LEAVES PROPERLY...AND NOT IN THE CREEK

It's the time of year when the leaves fall and homeowners are outside raking them into piles. But, most homeowners don't realize that what you do with that pile of leaves could be illegal.

In the City of Charlotte, it is against the Storm Water Pollution Control Ordinance to dispose of yard waste down storm drains or in creeks. It is also recommended that homeowners do not leave them to decompose on creek banks.

The storm drainage system flows directly to our creeks and lakes without any treatment. That means that when leaves are blown into the streets or piled on stream banks, yard waste becomes a storm water pollutant.

Yard waste, when left to decompose in our surface waters, super-fertilizes the water and becomes toxic to the aquatic community. Yard waste, when left to decompose on stream banks, can contribute to stream blockages and smother vegetation stabilizing the banks.

Please do not use the storm drainage system as a trash bin.

- Use a compost bin to turn yard waste into a practical gardening product;
- Take yard waste to the curb for collection; and
- Never dump yard waste down storm drains or in creeks.

For more information on composting or curbside collection, visit us on the web at <http://stormwater.charmeck.org> or call 311.



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