

SUMMARY -Testimony before the Tumwater City Council on January 18th 2022:

Good evening Mr. Mayor, Council Members, & County Commissioners, My name is Mat Jackmond and I am and have been a Commissioner with the Hopkins Drainage Ditch District #2 in Thurston County for most of 40 years. I would like to testify about the Stormwater Problem created by “The Preserve” housing Development on the north side of 93rd Ave. at the southeast corner of the City. I will try to limit my testimony to the 3 minutes allotted to me so I will be talking fast. I have sent you other documents about this problem.

This Drainage District was established in 1904 under RCW 85. Our District operates on a budget of \$ 2471.20 dollars per year, I sent you a map of the area south of the City that we are responsible for.

The City of Tumwater has a newly annexed and developed residential area on the north side of 93rd Ave. In developing this area, the City made a lake out of a pond on the north side of 93rd Ave. behind the housing development and improved the drainage under 93rd Ave. to facilitate moving Stormwater flow away from the housing area. By these actions the City has increased stormwater that flows into the most upstream extent of the Hopkins Drainage Ditch by removing the filtration area that slowed water movement and replacing it with housing. This was done without any concern for where that water was going to have to go, nor did anyone from the City ever contact the Drainage Ditch District for input. As shown in the map and seen by visual surveys, the residents in this area are experiencing some of the highest flooding that they have ever seen. The current flooding is worse than that experienced in 1996 or 2007. This additional flow magnified the effects of the high-water event in the first week of January which included the overflowing of State Highway 121 (Tilley Road) for the first time since 1996. Additionally, 93rd Ave. in the Preserve area flooded over for the first time in recorded history

I am here tonight to ask the City of Tumwater for help to mitigate the Stormwater problem that has been exacerbated by the actions of the City. Specifically:

- The City has a Stormwater Fund and the Hopkins Drainage Ditch District is asking that the City allocate some of those funds to help the District to improve the drainage between 93rd Ave. and the west side of Tilley Road (Highway 121).
 - The improvements needed include the cleaning and re-establishment of the ditch channel between 93rd Ave. and just south of 100th Ave.
 - and the improvement or replacement of 3 culverts under County Roads, and at least 2 culverts on private property,

The cost of the amount of work necessary is estimated to be in excess of \$75,000 for work that can be managed by the Ditch District and does not include any work needed to be done by Thurston County Roads to upgrade the Road Culverts.

Thank you and I will take any questions that you have and look forward to your positive response on our request.

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