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## ZIONSVILLE STREET AND STORMWATER DEPARTMENT

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### STREET AND STORMWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2012

1. **STORMWATER PERMIT ACTIVITIES**

Routine inspections of fifteen (15) Rule 5-permitted sites were conducted in December.

The Stormwater Department conducted a three-day training for the Fire Department on stormwater regulatory requirements and how its operations are related to the town's stormwater quality program activities. The training utilized the Fire Department's video conferencing equipment to cover all three fire stations and all shifts.

2. **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The Board did not meet this month.

3. **FIRST STREET PROJECT**

Final revisions have been made to the design development plans, and meetings with previously identified individual business and property owners facing significant impacts are complete. However, additional meetings with subsequently identified individual property owners are still ongoing. Additional funding has been identified within the department's 2012 budget to enlist the assistance of the consultant to complete the personal interviews. This work is expected to begin in early January 2013 with a public meeting to follow, tentatively anticipated for February.

A project web site has been developed for this project, and the layout may be viewed at [www.reasite.com/firststreet/](http://www.reasite.com/firststreet/). Revisions to this project will not be posted until all individual meetings are complete.

4. **Road Impact Fee Update**

The study committee met November 1<sup>st</sup> to review and recommend updates to the Town's traffic impact fee as required by state statute. The committee did not schedule its next meeting at the direction of the consultant, A&F Engineering, to allow them time to run traffic models. Upon completion of the models showing future traffic demand, the committee will reconvene

5. **SYCAMORE ST. PATHWAY EXTENSION**

A preliminary route/design has been developed by the Town Engineer and is being reviewed by staff. Although the alignment is established, a question as to the use of a retaining wall system or a boardwalk system is the major factor under consideration.

6. **TREE SURVEY AND INVENTORY STUDY**

As part of a Community & Urban Forestry (CUF) grant awarded to the Parks and Recreation Department, the Street & Stormwater Department partnered with the Parks Department on a portion of this program to conduct a tree inventory and evaluation in certain areas of town. The initial scope of the study was confined to the village area, as this is where the preponderance of public trees exists. This inventory and evaluation was completed in November, and has subsequently been uploaded to the Town's GIS. Due to the fact that the initial inventory came in significantly under budget and that the project will be reimbursed up to \$5,000 by IDEM, additional areas will be inventoried early this year. These areas include the older, wooded subdivisions within the urban service district of Zionsville. Currently contemplated as additional study areas are the subdivisions of Raintree, Northern Meadows, Century Oaks, North Hills, Timber Ridge, Colony Woods and Sugarbush.

7. **121<sup>ST</sup> ST. CLOSURE**

Beginning in mid-January, 121<sup>st</sup> St. (aka Greenfield Rd.) between Michigan Rd. and the Hamilton County line will be closed to through-traffic to allow Clay Township Regional Waste District to re-route a sanitary sewer line underneath it. Local access to residences will be maintained, as well as for school buses, trash trucks and emergency vehicles. This has been posted to the Town's web site and will be updated as additional information is obtained.

8. **OAK ST. SPEED LIMIT STUDY**

It has come to staff's attention that Whitestown has approved the lowering of the speed limit along former SR 334 (Whitestown Blvd) within their jurisdiction. Anticipating a similar request locally, and in order to maintain consistent speed limits along multi-jurisdictional roadways, the Town Engineer has been directed to perform a speed study along Oak St. and W. Oak St. (former SR 334) within Zionsville's jurisdiction. Data from this study, along with recommended speeds for the various segments of the aforementioned road will be presented to the Safety Board for discussion. It is anticipated that this study will commence the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>, and will be presented to the Safety Board as soon as it is complete.

9. **OAK STREET CROSSWALK**

The equipment necessary for the crosswalk at Oak and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets, approved at the December Council meeting, had been ordered and is expected to arrive early in January. This will be installed as soon as practicable, given the restrictions of winter weather.