



## ZIONSVILLE STREET AND STORMWATER DEPARTMENT

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

#### 1. **STORMWATER PERMIT ACTIVITIES**

Routine inspections of fourteen (14) Rule 5-permitted sites were conducted in November, and the semi-annual stormwater facility assessment was completed at Fire Station 92.

The Stormwater Department is coordinating with the Zionsville Fire Department to provide training on stormwater regulatory requirements and how Fire Department operations are related to the town's stormwater quality program activities. The training will be conducted in December for three consecutive days and will utilize the Fire Department's video conferencing equipment to cover all three fire stations and all shifts.

#### 2. **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The Board met jointly with the Town Council and Citizens' Advisory Committee on November 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss a proposed stormwater utility fee. Boone County and Lebanon Utility officials, as well as representatives from the consulting firm of Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. were in attendance to speak to issues as well as answer questions. The Board President concluded the meeting by offering the position that the Board would not take any further action on a proposed rate until specific direction was provided by the Town Council.

#### 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. **2012 STREET REPAIRS**

Construction of this year's street repairs has reached final completion, and came in under the budgeted amount. A small portion of pathway along Hal Sharpe Rd. was reconstructed as well, including a new pedestrian ramp meeting ADA crosswalk standards.

5. **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

6. **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.

7. **TREE SURVEY AND INVENTORY STUDY**

As part of a Community & Urban Forestry (CUF) grant awarded to the Parks and Recreation Department, the Street Department partnered with the Parks Department on a portion of this program to conduct a tree inventory and evaluation in certain areas of town. Under the direction of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Davey Resource Group has been selected to perform this work. The field-work for this project has been completed, and Davey Resource Group is finalizing the collected data and formatting it as required by IDEM. This important information has not been collected since 1997, and offers guidance and direction on tree preservation, replacement and maintenance. This information will be uploaded to the town's GIS, not only to create work plans for tree activities, but also to demonstrate responsible management in those unfortunate circumstances when public trees cause damage to vehicles or property. As this is a grant project, \$5000 of the estimated \$12,000 for this undertaking will be refunded by IDEM.

8. **2012 LEAF COLLECTION**

Seasonal leaf collection for residents in the urban service district will conclude the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Residents with leaves at the edge of the road as of Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> are guaranteed collection by December 7<sup>th</sup>.