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City Prepares \$1M for Shoreline Property Owners The WATER Project Forms Flood Protection Committee

Since securing **\$1M in State funding** to assist shoreline property owners, **The WATER Project** has been coordinating a Flood Protection Committee. The FPC's goal is to protect our community from flooding while ensuring that water access will be unrestricted at all times. This will be achieved by facilitating **adequate shoreline protection** for properties along the canals. Shoreline infrastructure investments will not only deter flooding but also **eliminate the FEMA floodplain** designation for the entire Jefferson-Chalmers community.

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Community Improvements Mitigate GLWA Project

\$1M for Shoreline Property Owners

Refreshments will be served.

Community Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 24

6 -8 pm

Hope Community Church
14456 East Jefferson



CW Johnson Negotiates Multi-Million Investment with GLWA



On **July 17**, the City Planning Commission (Commission or CPC) approved through a recommendation for **Planned Development (PD) rezoning** to allow for the Great Lake Water Authority's (GLWA) \$138M Freud Street Pump Station, located at the corner of Freud and Conner in the Jefferson-Chalmers community.

While the Courts arbitrate whether a jurisdiction has created an **ILLEGAL SPOT ZONE**, some residents are considering litigation that would challenge CPC's recommendation and delay or cancel the project.

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**Proposed Improvements
Boundaries**



GLWA-realted Community Investments continued

At the same time, community stakeholders and leaders in Jefferson-Chalmers are seeking to advance the demand for **multi-million investments** to mitigate the project's negative impacts. Potential investments include **environmental improvements, project controls and outreach, beautification and stabilization, housing improvements and infrastructure.**

District 4 Councilwoman Johnson is leading direct negotiations with GLWA. **Navahoe/Algonquin/Kitchener, The WATER Project** and other community leaders are seeking input on the proposed mitigation and investment program. Learn about the proposed community investments @ **Hope Community Church, Sept. 24, 6-8 pm.**



Hosted by the **Community Advisory Councils for Districts 4 and 5**, the **Eastside Summit** will bring together Federal House Rep **Shri Thanedar**, Council Pres. **Mary Sheffield**, City Council **Mary Waters**,

Latisha Johnson, State Sen. **Stephanie Chang** and House Members **Donavon McKinney** and **Veronica Paiz**. Under discussion will be concerns for jumpstarting the Eastside economy, local solutions to federal budget cuts, education, youth crime and violence. Join the discussion on **Saturday, October 4, 2-4 pm**. For more information and to register, text: **SUMMIT** to **217.1089** or email eastsidesummit2025@gmail.com

Hope Church Leads New Vision for the Future

In partnership with the International Design Clinic and Fielding International,

Hope is seeking to transform their church basement into a welcoming, multi-purpose community space. Known as The Neighborhood Exchange, the project will serve the neighborhood with programs for youth, wellness, food, and healing.

A short questionnaire distributed to the community will invite neighbors to share their ideas, dreams, and priorities to help shape the design and inform this exciting new chapter in Jefferson-Chalmers!

Shoreline continued.

The City is developing a **grant program** to assist property owners for whom construction costs would present a hardship. Residents can learn more about that at the **September 24 Community Meeting, 6-8 pm, Hope Community Church.**

The WATER Project welcomes input from all community members. If you would like to join the FPC in virtual meetings, they take place on the second Friday of each month @ 11 am. For more information, please contact info@jeffersonchalmerswaterproject.org.

Meet The WATER Project Board of Directors

In September 2024, **The WATER Project** was organized as a State registered Nonprofit.

Earlier this year, several community leaders joined the Board of Directors, including **Traci Rubin**, Chair; **Jay C. Juergensen**, Vice Chair; **Maria Stapulionis**, Secretary; **Nicole Stone**, Treasurer. Additional Board Members include **Vanessa Cartwright**, **Toinu Reeves** and **Lee Marchalonis**.

If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors, please contact: info@jeffersonchalmerswaterproject.org

**Thanks to the Canvassers**

Over the last two years, nearly 30 volunteers and youth in the community have distributed nearly **3,000 Gazettes** door-to-door throughout the Jefferson-Chalmers community.

We would like to thank: **Ted, Rosie, Casey, Greg, Karl, Tammy, Marcus, Rita, Kwame, Michelle, Claire, John, Myrtle, Keisa, Gwen, James, Wilma, Eric, Tim, Maria, Traci, Angela, Vanessa, Anthony, Emani, Jaleeala, Derrick, Eric, Myron and Mya**. We could not do this work without you. Special thanks to our Intern, **Robbie** for coordinating their efforts. If you would like to assist, please contact: intern@jeffersonchalmerswaterproject.org. Stipends may be available.

Important Dates
WATER Project Meeting
September 24
Hope Community Church
14456 East Jefferson

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Jefferson-Chalmers Farmer's Market
www.jcfm48215.org
2nd and 4th Sunday
Thru October 12
869 Emerson

The **Jefferson-Chalmers WATER Project** is working to find resilient and sustainable solutions to water resource and climate challenges in our community as we seek to create a vibrant place where people live, work, play, recreate and find refuge.

Thanks to this Issue's Contributors: Maria Stapulionis, Traci Rubin, Jay C. Juergensen, Toinu Reeves and Vanessa Cartwright.

Jefferson-Chalmers WATER Project

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