

## Stormwater Advisory Committee

5/4/22

### In Attendance:

- Ed Lane
- Cassidy Lord
- Todd Stevenson
- Jamie Hill
- Bruno Giri

### Minutes were approved

- Cassidy motions to approve
- Bruno seconded
- Motion approved

### Agenda was updated with a brief presentation in the staff report by Todd

- Bruno motions to approve an agenda with an amendment proposed by Todd to include a short presentation depicting stormwater systems in two neighborhoods
- Ed seconds
- The updated agenda was approved

### Staff Report

- Neighborhood presentation
  - White Davis is a watershed boundary
    - Everything west of Whit David is on sewer
    - Everything east of Whit David is on septic
  - Some neighborhoods have wide streets with curbs and gutter
    - Required in urban areas of the County
    - Well-connected stormwater systems are flashier, they convey more water faster, which degrades downstream infrastructure faster
  - Some neighborhoods have narrower streets and roadside ditches
    - The ditches take up space and the whole road corridor can end up taking up more space than a road with curb and gutters
  - Some areas have narrow streets and no roadside ditches, water sheets off the road into yards
    - Is this bad?
- Neighborhood meeting regarding runoff problems
  - (Mis)Perceptions of landowners
    - Money is not being spent on stormwater or it's being spent in other parts of town
    - The Stormwater Fee was developed to remedy issues with private landowners
  - We're really lucky to live in Athens
    - We live in a place other people want to live
    - We have separate stormwater and sewer infrastructure
    - We have a Stormwater Management Program

The Advisory Committee members reviewed their stormwater statements

The Committee discussed what easements are, what they mean for property owners and why they're not representative of ground conditions (meandering ditches and streams)

Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 at 5 p.m.