

March 1, 2012

TO: Village of Howard Attention: Geoff Farr

RE: West Deerfield & Lakeview culverts and ditches

As you know over the last several I years I have had discussions with you and the past Village administrator Joshua Smith concerning what I feel is the storm water run off from the development in the Village of Howard and the Suamico area bordering Lineville Rd. Namely the new high school, new parking lots and businesses on Lineville Road and 1,000's of new housetops.

That means that over the past 10-15 years the huge increased volume of water run off from storms based on topography elevations travels south and east toward the Bay of Green Bay toward my land.

On Paril 10, 2011 I personally went out on a major rain storm, in my hunting waders and have on file over 50 pictures to document the water flowage and blockage of the culverts.

I personally own 53 acres on W. Deerfield Ave plus two lots on Devon. I am also a partial owner of the former Airport on Brookfield with several other Howard businessmen, this also totaling 50 plus acres.

My properties are a partial water shed for the run off previously described. The ditches along both Lakeview (from Brookfield east to West Deerfield at 41) plus West Deerfield in the last 15-25 years have filled with sediment and culverts are over grown. To my knowledge they have not ever been dug out or cleaned out.

This blockage impedes the water drainage to the Brookfield intersection and the culverts that go underneath W. Deerfield toward hwy 41.

There is a culvert that goes underneath Lakeview to the former Biel farm (now owned by the State of Wisconsin) lot line and the lot line of the former Evelyn Strashara lot line. Almost no water flows through that culvert to the south side of Lakeview because of blockage across the street by the Strashara and DNR land.

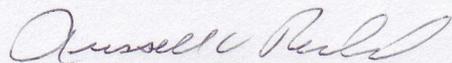
These issues need to be dealt with in a timely manner as it will not be very many hears before all this property is wetlands, not usable and off the tax rolls. Which is a lose to the Village as well as property owners.

I am asking that the Village of Howard proceed (and deal with the county if needed) to clean out the ditches on the north side of Lakeview along my 50 acres (see attached map) along with the ditches on the north side along Lakeview by the old Airport property. In addition, the ditches from Devon St south on W. Deerfield could be cleaned.

There is tremendous money paid to the Village of Howard for Storm water fees from the new homes and business built in the last 10 years dumping much of the water toward our land and raising the water table at an alarming rate.

Please take under advisement this request and let me know what plans to be done.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Russell V. Roland".

Russell V. Roland

