

**Greg Minikel**

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**From:** Greg Minikel  
**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2016 3:57 PM  
**To:** Dan Koski  
**Cc:** Sonja Birr; Mike Zimmer  
**Subject:** FW: Property flooding 4336 Custer Ln.  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0396.jpg; IMG\_0397.jpg; 20160829143245682.pdf

Dan,

Do you want to talk to Lee Kummer and/or Dave Soeldner to see if they would like this issue on the Sept. PI Comm. meeting??

It appears that we could reditch the north side of Custer Lane to drain into the existing 12 inch pipe to the east of the RR tracks. However, this would require a huge amount of tree and brush removal as well as significant ditching. Not sure how the property owner will feel about this. Maybe we should call or meet them again first.

I have not tried to estimate a cost, but I'll bet we are still looking at about \$10,000 to remove all of the trees and brush and then ditch the area, clean out the plugged 12 inch pipe and restore the new ditch with topsoil, seed and e-mat.

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**Sent:** Monday, August 29, 2016 2:39 PM  
**To:** Greg Minikel; Dan Koski; Randy Junk; Matt Smits  
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**From:** Greg Minikel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016 10:51 AM  
**To:** Dan Koski; Randy Junk; Matt Smits  
**Cc:** Mike Zimmer  
**Subject:** RE: Property flooding 4336 Custer Ln.

Dan,

Here are some past e-mails on the issue and letters, etc. It looks like this issue goes back to 2002.

I tried to quickly scan some of the PI (fka. Streets & Sanitation Comm.) Comm. minutes but did not see anything.

Not sure if the Committee ever discussed this since 2002.

I believe that Building Inspection may have some information on this in their files as well.

It is probably a private drainage issue, so I doubt that the City would or should install a berm on private property.

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**From:** Dan Koski  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 10:17 PM  
**To:** Greg Minikel; Randy Junk; Matt Smits  
**Subject:** Fwd: Property flooding

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lee Kummer - D5 <[lkummer@manitowoc.org](mailto:lkummer@manitowoc.org)>  
**Date:** July 26, 2016 at 9:24:01 PM CDT  
**To:** Dan Koski <[dkoski@manitowoc.org](mailto:dkoski@manitowoc.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Property flooding

Hi Dan. Are you aware of this situation? I will be in touch after stopping at the residence. Thanks, Lee

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ellie Engelbrecht <[ellie.create@gmail.com](mailto:ellie.create@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Property flooding  
**Date:** July 24, 2016 at 3:51:14 PM CDT  
**To:** <[lkummer@manitowoc.org](mailto:lkummer@manitowoc.org)>

Good afternoon Mr. Kummer,

My husband and I live at 4336 Custer Lane. We have always had an issue with our yard flooding due to the culvert under the railroad tracks. We were able to deal with it until the railroad or city, not sure which, put in a larger culvert under the tracks at the Custer Lane crossing, right before our property. Then the flooding became worse. We appealed to the city and were told nothing could be done.

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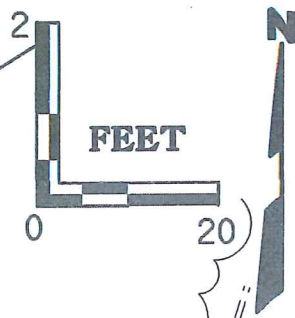
Isn't there something that can be done? With the situation as it is, we could never sell our house. If the city is unable to convince the railroad to rectify this situation to fix the flooding, could the city put a berm in our yard to stop the flooding?

I hope you will give our situation serious consideration.

Regards,

Ellie Engelbrecht  
920-242-6385

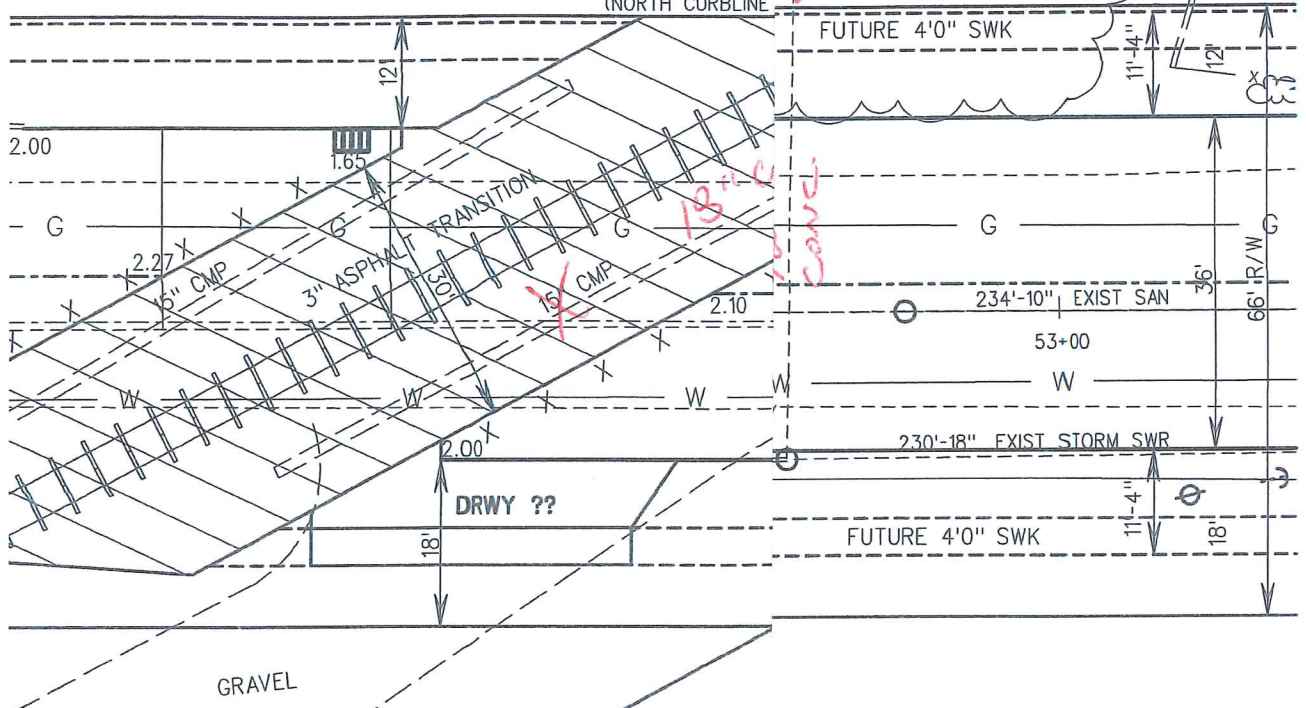
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAIL



NOTE: CURB WIDTH CHAN  
36' EAST - 3  
(NORTH CURBLINE

ED AREA

*Top Conc  
12" = 666.5  
- 1.18' = 664.97 FL*



RR TIES

FUTURE 4'0" SWK

234'-10" EXIST SAN

53+00

230'-18" EXIST STORM SWR

FUTURE 4'0" SWK

11'-4"

18'

GRAVEL

DRWY ??

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2.10

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5" CMP

3" ASPHALT TRANSITION

15' CMP

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56'

66' R/W

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Hi Mike & Ellie:

We have another potential solution to help alleviate the current drainage issues.

The ditch along the north side of Custer Ln. could be re-graded to drain the stormwater from the existing 18" (CMP) culvert at the RR Tracks to the existing 12 inch concrete pipe stubbed out to the ditch. The existing 12 inch pipe is currently buried and plugged with material (See the attached .pdf drawing).

We are not sure what the condition is of the existing 12 inch concrete pipe crossing Custer Ln. Worst case, we would have to replace this storm sewer crossing which would add significant costs, but at least there are some options.

However, this option would require the removal of numerous trees and brush that is located within the Right-of-Way to north of the existing asphalt pavement (see photos #1679 & 1684). Not sure what this would do to your privacy screening that currently exists.

The other big question is who would pay for this work?? I have not tried to come up with a detailed cost estimate, but my first guess would be on the order of \$10,000 or so. Certainly, the cost would be higher if we need to replace the existing 12 inch concrete pipe.

If you are interested in discussing/pursuing this option, please let us know and we can see about adding this to a future PI Committee meeting. Thanks.

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