



Testimony of TCA President Mike Stein on Proposed Budget for FY 2023 for Flood Resiliency Program Planning

The Twinbrook Community Association (TCA) respectfully submits the following comments as it relates to agenda item #14, Presentation and Discussion on Tropical Storm Ida and Rockville Flood Resiliency Program Planning:

As a neighborhood that lives and plays “downstream”, we applaud all stormwater initiatives. Twinbrook feels comfortable with the efforts of the city Staff as far as Stormwater Management and well represented by their efforts. We would like to point out a few ongoing concerns:

1. We protest the state’s delay in releasing the updated stormwater quality standards – it is obvious to every Twinbrook resident that the continued use of the outdated standards leads to unsafe conditions.
2. We are very concerned about the preventative maintenance reviews of the existing stormwater infrastructure in Twinbrook, especially the large diameter storm drain running between Holland Road and Vandergrift Ave. We appreciate that the Conveyance Report confirmed that the size of this drain was adequate – we would appreciate hearing that the quality of the existing infrastructure was also adequate to depend on and the date of the physical review that determined this rating.
3. We are also concerned that some very visible damage from Ida on Atlantic Avenue north of Crawford Drive remains unrepaired six months later. (See picture below).

As the TCA testified before the M&C on 10/25/2021, we strongly support expedited funding the Flood Resiliency Master Plan (SA23) through the use of ARPA funds.

