

August 6, 2015

Appeal of Special Assessment

Construction of a storm water system along Geddes Ave from Huntington to Gallup Park- Geddes Ave  
Storm water Project-Storm water Special Assessment District No 76 File NO.2013-037

Parcel Number 09-09-34-212-003 Dennis and Sharon Blumenfeld, 5 Shipman Circle, Ann Arbor MI 48104  
Amount: \$1002

We wish to appeal the assessment on the grounds we are not adjacent to Geddes Road and will not benefit from the storm water sewer nor will the value of our property increase. We feel the destruction of the trees adjacent to Geddes and the harm caused by construction will only serve to lower our property's value. We do not feel the city is taking enough care to preserve the unique beauty of the road.

A special assessment may only be levied against parcels of real estate which have been identified as having received a direct and unique "benefit" from the public project.

Special assessments require that the property owner benefit by a measurable increase in the property's market value and this is not the case. We have never been bothered by flooding nor has Geddes Road in this area been subject to flooding. The benefits (if any) should be shared by the community as a whole and our property will not benefit directly.

We urge the city to re-think the special assessment district and to use extraordinary care in preserving the unique environment and natural beauty of the road.

Attached is a picture of very old and irreplaceable trees that run alongside Geddes Road from Shipman Circle to Arlington on the south side of the road.

Respectfully,

*Sharon Blumenfeld*  
*Dennis Blumenfeld*

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