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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 19 TO PRESENT PROPOSED STORMWATER CODE CHANGES

ANN ARBOR, Mich., November 5, 2009 — The Malletts Creek Coordinating Committee and City of Ann Arbor staff will be hosting a public meeting to present and discuss a proposal to amend the City's stormwater ordinance on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009 at 7 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, second floor, 100 N. Fifth Ave. in Ann Arbor.

In August 2007, City Council charged the Malletts Creek Coordinating Committee with prioritizing and implementing the April 2007 Watershed Recommendations of the Malletts Creek Association (citizens group) in resolution R-393-8-07. This proposed code change is a result of those recommendations.

The code amendment would require control of stormwater runoff, from the "first flush" storm event, on single and two-family residential property when adding 200 square feet or more of impervious area. The "first flush" is the runoff from the first ½ inch of rain during any storm event. The new requirement would only apply to the increase in impervious area.

Since approximately 40 percent of the entire land area in the City of Ann Arbor is zoned for single-family and two-family uses, the potential to reduce the negative impacts of stormwater runoff for the entire community is great compared to the minimal effort envisioned for property owners.

Please consider attending this meeting if you are interested in stormwater management or are concerned about the implications of this potential code change. If you have any questions, please contact Stormwater and Floodplain Programs Coordinator, Jerry Hancock, at (734) 794-6430 ext. 43709.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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