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RE: Multiple/Repeat Flood Locations in the Langston Drive Area
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ms. Tommie:

This letter is in response to the concerns expressed by your organization regarding the repeat flooding in the Langston Drive area. This location is within inside the Atlanta city limits, and therefore Atlanta is the jurisdiction responsible for storm water services in this area. That being said, we can provide you with information related to the County's recent experience with flooding.

Grant monies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may available to remove (purchase and demolish) structures that have had multiple claims under the National Flood Insurance Program. We are now applying for a Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant (HMAG) for the purchase and demolition for the two properties in the County that flooded in the September of 2009.

In our situation, there was a Presidential declaration of disaster, and so we are eligible for enhanced consideration (75% from FEMA and 15% from the state GEMA). However, this is not what one should expect for a condition wherein there was not a declared disaster. The grant must be applied for by the appropriate local jurisdiction, not from individuals affected by the flooding. The grants require local participation which may be in-kind services (demolition of structures) or monetary contributions. The preparation of the HMAG is not an easy process and it can take an extended amount of time to receive the grant.

I hope this provides the information you were seeking and allows you to proceed to address your flooding problem. Please feel free to contact our office if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Angela Parker