

CITY-WIDE FLOOD MITIGATION PLAN:

A major priority of the Sea Isle City government is addressing the flooding which impacts our City and is most prevalent in low lying areas. Over the past several years, the City has implemented several drainage improvement projects to replace deteriorated storm drainage systems and tidal check valves; and we're coordinating with the county engineer's office on several projects, as much of our drainage system falls under county jurisdiction.

We recently completed the first phase of drainage improvements between 38th and 40th Street (from Cini Street to the bay); work on Venician Road; and at the Townsends Inlet section of the island at 90th and 91st Streets.

The City is also embarking on a comprehensive citywide flooding study through 2017. This study will provide for mapping of all drainage areas in the City and all drainage infrastructure, prioritization of problem areas, identification of the responsible party (county or local), and identification of potential solutions. This study will also coordinate with the ongoing New Jersey Back Bays Feasibility Study, currently in progress by the Army Corps of Engineers. This is important, as any solutions that we ultimately come up with should consider regional and statewide perspectives and opportunities. As with the beachfront, which has been successfully managed through a partnership between the local, state and federal governments, so should the bayside of the city and associated flooding concerns also be managed in a similar manner.

The City's current objective is to continue to address existing infrastructure needs – to maintain and improve our systems, while at the same time planning for future improvements. In regard to the citywide study, our goal is to be able to advance projects in 2018 that will improve conditions in our most flood prone areas. As we proceed with planning, engineering and construction, we will periodically update the public on our progress via this newsletter, on our website, at City Council meetings, and through the media.