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## **Parma hosts its third annual Water Summit on March 12**

(PARMA, Ohio) – Before the heavy spring rains begin, Parma City Council, the mayor’s administrative staff and representatives from area agencies will talk to residents about how they are working together to address flooding and storm water management in Parma.

The third annual Water Summit will be Thursday, March 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Watershed Stewardship Center, W. Ridgewood Drive, Parma. Residents are encouraged to attend the free event.

The open forum is designed to educate residents, answer their questions and address their concerns about storm water management. Cuyahoga County Public Works, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Cleveland Public Water, West Creek Conservancy and Cleveland Metroparks will all have representatives at the summit. State Representative Jeffrey Crossman (former Parma city councilman) spearheaded the first Water Summit with Saban and will be a presenter at this year’s event.

“We understand that storm water management requires a regional approach with all stakeholders. It is important for us, as public officials, to inform the people of what is being done to address flooding issues,” said Ward 4 Councilwoman Kristin Saban. “City Council is encouraging residents in all nine wards to attend this event. We are hoping that the Water Summit will be a forum for residents to feel comfortable engaging in a proactive way.”

Ward 5 Councilman Allan Divis is partnering with Saban this year to organize the summit. “Last July, we experienced flooding like never before. There were studies that were in progress at the time of the flood and certainly after it. It’s very important to all those affected to understand that the findings of these studies will help us address flooding concerns,” Divis said.

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