

We understand the frustrations of residents affected by the flash flood we experienced Friday night. The Mayor and Service Director surveyed the flooded areas throughout the weekend, and we have been responding to residents and to council members who are also responding to residents.

The City's Service Department crews were out all weekend and will be out this week to collect damaged property that is placed out for pickup. We understand that it might take time to get items out for pickup, so local collection will continue throughout the week. Residents can call the Service Department at 440-885-8184 to leave an address for collection.

Residents also can contact the County Public Works Department dispatch at 1-216-443-8201. They manage and help the City with maintenance and repairs to our Sewer system. City council members are also gathering addresses where items have been placed out for cleanup and will communicate those to the Service Department.

Many residents are asking what is being done to fix this problem. The answer to that is that improvements have actually been made as we attack this problem systematically, whether fixing culvert pipes, improving storm water management and sanitary sewers or monitoring flow in city creeks. Unfortunately, it is not a quick fix, but we continue to work at it. Improvements that have been made thus far can be viewed in Parma's annual report from Cuyahoga County Public Works: <https://tinyurl.com/yak8lg5f>

In the last few years, the City has been working to try and mitigate long-term problems and continues to work with our partners at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and Cuyahoga County Public Works on problem areas.

Additionally, the City continues to advocate for increased infrastructure funding from the Federal Government and is working with our Congressional representatives to that end.