

Representative Frank Mautino
Atten: Pat Lewis
221 East St. Paul
Spring Valley, IL 61362

February 6, 2010

Dear Pat:

We contacted your office in July of 2009 concerning the ongoing erosion of several properties on the Vermilion River in Streator, IL. Since that time, the City of Streator has filed the necessary forms with IEMA for funding of the repairs. We were told that a decision should be made by September, then we were told October, then December. Now we are told maybe this Spring we will know what FEMA and IEMA will do.

Meanwhile, the Vermilion River continues to eat away at the base of our properties and the winter has not been kind with the freezing and thawing. As tax payers and citizens we would like a decision as soon as possible as to what repairs are going to be made. The value of the properties in question is deteriorating with every drop of rain. Many residents had made plans to make repairs and upgrades to their homes, but everything is on hold until we find out if we will even have a home. This situation is taking a toll on our health and outlook.

What can we do to speed up the process? All of the paper work is current and the City has filed for the permits to do the work. The funding is the hold-up. Please take a moment and check out our website: www.savewaterstreet.com.

Thank you for any suggestions you have and any help you can offer.

Sincerely,

Rudy Gerent
Water Street Residents

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