A Long Standing Serious Problem

April showers bring May flowers, as the saying goes. Sometimes those showers become downpours, and if they continue too long, they bring problems. Flooding, experienced by many communities along the Little Calumet River and its tributaries, has become a major issue in recent years. Natural avenues for escape of excess rainfall have been replaced by concrete and blacktop. Waterways have been polluted and clogged by illegal dumping, erosion and sedimentation. Although flooding has occurred along South Holland’s streams since the last glacier left Illinois, our worst flood in history occurred in late November 1990, prompting the Village of South Holland to prepare a floodplain plan. This plan, adopted in May 1994, provides financial assistance in the form of rebates to residents with qualifying projects.

The Rebate Program

This program offers owners of a single family owner occupied residence a 25% rebate for flood control projects they undertake, such as the installation of overhead sewers, drain tiles and crack repairs up to a maximum of $2500 per property.

How Can You Qualify?

Projects must be pre-approved through an in home meeting with the South Holland Flood Assistance Coordinator. Two written estimates are required and will be reviewed at the time of the meeting. After the work is completed, your property will be inspected to verify compliance with code requirements. All contractors must be registered with the Village of South Holland. A list of registered contractors can be obtained from the Planning, Development and Code Enforcement office.

Types of Pre-Approved Projects Funded

Surface Water Projects
- Diversion of downspout water
- Flood walls

Sewer Backup Projects
- Install overhead sewers
- Removal of sump pump and downspout connections from sanitary sewers
- Backflow valves

Subsurface Projects
- Interior drain tile
- Exterior drain tile
- Repair of cracks in foundation walls
- Waterproofing of foundation walls

Applying For A Rebate

The homeowner will fill out an application at the in-home meeting and provide required project drawings and two written bid proposals at the time of the meeting. The Flood Assistance Coordinator will approve the project upon his inspection and will also determine if a permit will be required. When the work is complete the homeowner will submit a paid receipt to the Planning, Development and Code Enforcement for processing of the rebate.

Contact the Flood Assistance Coordinator at the Planning, Development & Code Enforcement Department at 708-210-2915 to schedule an appointment for a meeting to apply for the rebate.
VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND
FLOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RESIDENTS
TO DO CHECKLIST

- Contacted two (or 3) contractors for proposals for waterproofing work and made copies for the Village’s Flood Assistance Coordinator.
  
  Company Name ________________________________
  Proposal Amount $ _____________________________

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- Called Village of South Holland Planning, Development & Code Enforcement Department at 708-210-2915 and scheduled my appointment for the Flood Assistance Coordinator to come to my home.
  Date _____/_____/_____
  Time ______________

- Called ________________________________ (company) to schedule work to be done. _____/_____/_____

- Date of final inspection done by the Village _____/_____/_____

- Date I submitted paid receipt to the Village of South Holland Planning, Development & Code Enforcement office for rebate processing. _____/_____/_____

The Village of South Holland assumes no responsibility for the failure or the associated losses due to the failure of any flood mitigation prevention project receiving rebate funding.