Hills makes progress on flooding problems

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It's been eight months since residents poured out their hearts about the water woes that plaque their Farmington Hills homes.

Since that time four of the 26 doc-

since that time four of the 20 documented drainage problems have been corrected, four are being worked on and three might be corrected if residents decide to pay their streets.

An update of work on the drainage roblems was presented to the armington Hills City Council Mon-

day.
"I would like to emphasize that we have addressed 11 of them (drainage

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problems) in the last eight months," city engineer Skip Otwell told coun-

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Improvements made include; fixing an enclosed storm sewer between two houses on Stonegate
Court improving rear yard drainage
near Freedom and Gill roads in
Beechwood Estates; and improvingnahil and Wistorio.

A fourth improvement, construction of an outlet was completed in
the summer to relieve well-publicized flooding at the north end of
Bartlett, south of 13 Mile, east of
Orchard Lake Road.
Prior to improvements, at least

Prior to improvements, at least one Bartlett resident's backyard would flood with up to 21/2-feet of

Four other improvements will be completed in the 1987 construction scason.

Flooding in rear and sideyards of houses on Stonewood Court in Frank Flooding in rear and sideyards of houses on Stonewood Court in Frank In Forest may be corrected by construction of a major office complex. Forest Park Offices, phase 3.

The planned widening next summer of 13 Mile, west of Orchard Lake, will provide an outlet for fooding along Ardmore, near the Bond Office Building. A third improvement will be made when the Woodcreek pond is dredged. Bids construction of outlets near Longwood and Flanders. The project alleviale The Guerth improvement Includes construction of outlets near Longwood and Flanders. The project sill paving projects, improvements will be made on Randail Street, Rhonswood and Fend and Dumas Court.

The April council — when drainage woes were first documented — was called to discuss problems and offer plans to include some of the priority problems in the 1986-67 capital improvements budget.

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This flooding on Bartlett, east of Orchard Lake Road, south of 13 Mile, has been corrected with the construction of a new outlet for storm water.

At that time, it was determined that some of the problems are the responsibility of homeowners, while others can be solved with proposed improvements or included as major projects in the updated capi-

from some council members. Council members demanded to know why drainage problems are occurring if developers' building plans, including grading requirements, are approved with assurances that potential drainage problems won't occur.

Taking council concerns into consideration, city staff this week reviewed the city's four-year-old master storm drainage plan.

Completed in 1982 by consultants Hubboll, Roth & Clark Inc. of Bloomfield Township, the plan is espected to be adopted by council later in December. The plan analyzes major drains as well as documents preposed improvements a millional projects entined as 447 millional projects entined as 447 millional of the city's storm drainage system.

Some of these major improve-ments will in turn alleviate or re-lieve specific residential problems. But work must still continue with those residential problems that can be solved with specific localized re-

Because council members had also expressed concern about city standards for storm water detention, city staff had an analysis prepared with the help of consultants Orchard, "It is . . . concluded that our standards are adequate and for the most part are working sufficiently in accordance with our current codes." Director of Public Services Thomas liasell said in a report to council Biasell said in a report to council.

Though 15 of the documented residential flooding problems still call for solutions, it's unknown when they will be corrected, based on available dollars in the capital improvements

dollars in the Capital map of the budget.

Of the total \$296,665 available in the storm drain portion of the 1986-87 capital improvements budget, only \$121,665 remains uncommitted, City Manager William Costick said.







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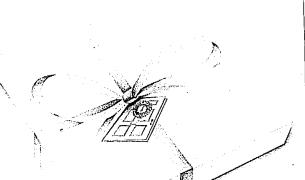
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