

Economy takes its toll on Hills

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Initiated the Caddell drain project near M-102 and Grand River to alleviate flooding. The improvements are part of a citywide \$48 million master storm drainage plan for Farmington Hills, Farmington and surrounding cities.

Received \$417,000 in HUD Community Development Block Grant funds, \$230,000 of which is allocated to public work improvements in the city's southeast section; \$24,000 for sidewalk construction on 13 Mile Road from the Detroit Baptist Manor to Orchard Lake, and \$123,000 for low interest loans for low and moderate income

residents whose homes are in need of rehabilitation.

Been approved for participation in the state-administered Community Energy Management Program. A thermogram, or infrared photograph, is to be taken of each home in the city to help residents identify areas of heat loss. At informational neighborhood meetings, fuel and money-saving suggestions will be offered to interested homeowners.

Designated Howard Road as a "natural beauty" road marking the first official effort to preserve the community's rural character.

Approved the paving of approximately 6.5 additional miles of city streets at a cost of \$750,000.

Next year, the Department of Public Services will hold public meetings regarding the paving of 10-12 miles of gravel roads. The majority of the cost is to be picked up by homeowners.

Completed a study assessing commercial land needs used by the Planning Commission when considering rezoning requests.

Initiated a program for the beautification of Orchard Lake Road. Hopefully, a citizens' committee will be formed in 1983 to encourage additional interest, develop plans and implement a beautification program for Orchard Lake Road, Costick said.

Rolled back the tax millage from 8.5 to about 7.8 mills ad valorem on the state equalized value of real and personal property in the 1982-83 budget.

Stepped up police protection and the neighborhood watch program.

Improved the tax base by attracting the Robert Bosch Corp. Holset Engineering and other firms to the city's industrial park, and

For the first time, joined the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce to help meet businesses' needs.

THE LARGEST task confronting the city in 1983 will include the integration of a capital improvement program with the road program drain improvement plans for Kendallwood and the Farmington Evergreen Sanitary Sewer and the master storm drain plan, alleviation of the police department's lack of space and detention facilities by adding to its existing facility, constructing a new one on its current site, or redeveloping a vacated elementary school (possibly Alameda or the Middlebelt school).

Costick expressed hope that in 1983 "a study will be completed and positive action taken" with regard to the centralization of emergency dispatch, or 911, services with Farmington and West Bloomfield. The communities' police record keeping departments may also be centralized.

Cooperation the key for city government

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THE MUSEUM became a reality two years after the idea was proposed, largely because of hard work and financial backing of volunteers from Farmington and Farmington Hills and the donation of William Slocum, descendant of former Gov. Fred Warner. Slocum gave an initial grant of \$5,000 to get the project off the ground and made good on a pledge to donate \$1 for every \$2 the community generated.

"He was a grand person to work with," Deadman said of Slocum. The last person in the family to live in the home was Mrs. Edessa Slocum.

Another big project for the city of Farmington in 1982 concerned a flooding problem that plagued the Old Town section of the city for the past 30 years.

Plans by engineering consultants for the city call for the installation of 8,000 feet of storm water sewer pipes to be installed in the area around Alta Loma at an estimated cost of \$875,000 to be paid off over a 30-year period by residents and the city-at-large.

Construction should start by spring, Deadman promised. He predicts that persons whose basements flooded almost every year should see the smelly problem cease.

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