



The Western Shorewood Drainage Plan –

The most destructive and expensive boondoggle you've probably never heard of.

At an estimated cost of between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000 (yes, you're reading that right – it's millions) the Western Shorewood Drainage plan will drain the wallets of Shorewood taxpayers and drain Shorewood of our natural heritage of woods, wildlife and water, again.

The first phase involves the removal of hundreds of mature trees in Freeman Park, along the trail and in the deep woods on the north side of the trail. The shady, cool woods that make a walk or bike ride so peaceful and enjoyable to hundreds of South Lake residents will be gone forever.

Shorewood has for decades refused to plan for the accumulative impacts of water runoff from the many developments in the city. Every developer has claimed that their project was benign and the politicians bought it. Now the developers are gone – off counting their profits – and the residents of Shorewood are stuck with a fix. Of course some type of remedy may be needed but this plan is too expensive and too destructive and must be stopped.

The first phase of the project looks to start soon. Hundreds of trees have been marked for removal west of the trail entrance to Freeman Park. Another large wastewater pond is planned for the north side of the trail in a heavily wooded area the city purchased a couple of years ago.

Shorewood officials are developing a video "marketing" campaign to sell to taxpayers this and other expensive and destructive projects. Why does Shorewood need to "sell" these projects to taxpayers? There may be a need for storm water updates but that need should be communicated honestly and directly not through an advertising campaign. Be aware of "false" advertising".

If you are opposed to this destruction, please email the Shorewood Council & Mayor and let them know they need to research this project just as they promised to research alternatives for the Wedgewood Forest destruction.

The South Shore Protectors Group