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July 10, 2017

Tim & Lindsey Hess
1020 Cloverton Drive
Columbia, PA 17512

Dear Tim and Lindsey Hess,

Following receipt of your initial complaint in early April of 2017, the Highway Department of Columbia Borough initiated a review of the legal documents associated with your property and the property itself.

The department staff, employees, and the Columbia Borough engineer have met on the site numerous times to investigate the conditions and perform any maintenance to the facilities that we are responsible for. Borough crews disassembled the overflow device and cleaned it thoroughly. Crews disposed of the litter and debris that collected in the device.

We have also reviewed the drainage during both dry conditions and wet conditions and have determined the open drainage system and overflow devices are working properly as designed.

In addition, we have observed ground water escaping from the ground from upwelling in numerous locations within the basin. This upwelling helps to keep this location perpetually wet.

Based upon our review of the subdivision the land development plans and other documents of record with respect to your property, it is our understanding of the resident responsibilities associated with your property that it is the homeowner who is to maintain the site along with water and vegetation in the outflow basin.

It is also the responsibility of the homeowner to ensure the safety of children, neighbors and others who enter the property and to protect others from any known hazard.

These items are not the responsibility of Columbia Borough.

Sincerely,

Ronald Miller
Director of Public Works
Columbia Borough