



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** August 8, 2022

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**Agenda Item:** Ditch Grading Contract

**Explanation:** Most of the City streets have curb and gutter. However, there are a few subdivisions in town where there is not curb and gutter and the roadways have ditch sections to convey the storm water. These ditch sections often are not maintained and silt in or are filled in over time. When the drainage in these sections isn't taken care of, water often times sits on the edge of pavement or in the ditches themselves. Most edge of pavement issues are caused by the lack of proper drainage.

The areas in town that do not have curb and gutter are the Felkers Area, Beverly Manor, South Annex, southeast Kern, South Street, Adams Street and Nofsinger.

One such area where ditches have not been maintained is the Felkers area in town. Most of these ditch lines and culverts have partially been filled in over time. City Staff had budgeted for a ditch grading project last fiscal year in the Felkers Addition to re-establish the ditches to allow for drainage in the subdivision. This project was not completed and was re-budgeted for this year. Staff would like to move forward with preparing some bid documents for ditch grading in the Felkers addition.

**Fiscal Impact:** City staff budgeted \$100,000 to reshape ditches in the Felker's Subdivision.

**Recommendation Summary:** Staff recommends discussion on moving forward with creating bid documents for a ditch reshaping project in Felkers Addition.