

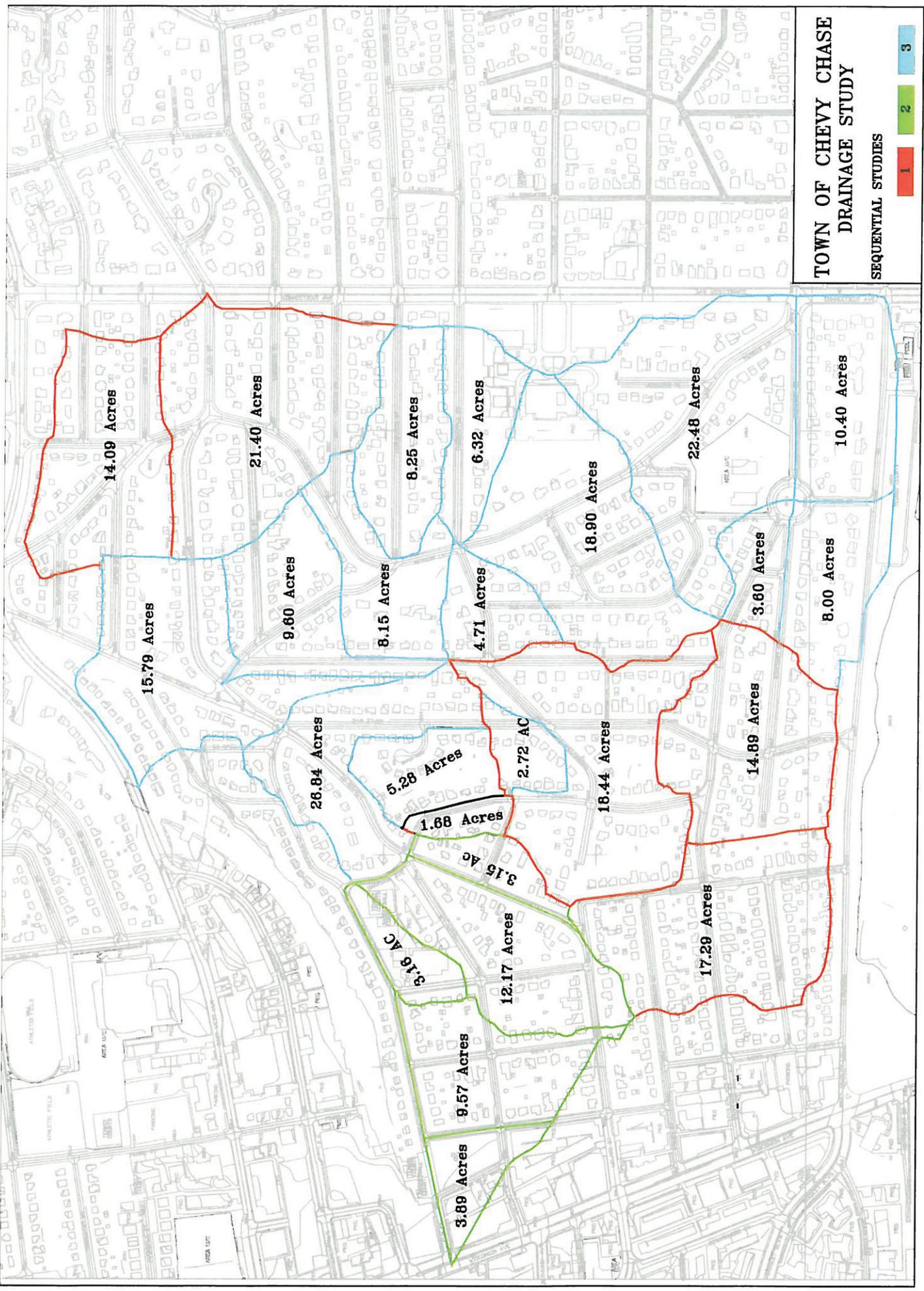
WATER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

12/09/2008

The Water Sub-Committee met on Friday, November 14, 2008 with Council Member Al Lang. Also present were Michael Mitchell, Project Manager for Capital Development in Mont. Cty Department of Public Works (DPWT) and Bill Bissell, the Town's engineer overseeing water projects/issues. The purpose was to get an update on the status of the three phases of storm sewer upgrades/replacements to handle storm water disposal for the Town.

- Phase I - This phase is completed. The work areas are outlined in red on the Town of Chevy Chase Drainage Study. The cost was \$1,800,000. Ninety-seven percent of the funds were spent on construction – both planned and some unplanned items that arose during construction. The remaining money – less than \$80,000 – was spent on design work for the remaining two phases.
- Phase II – This area is outlined in light green on the Drainage Study map. Planning is being completed during 2009. This work will be submitted as a budget item in the County budget submitted in January 2010. The County Council will decide during budget discussions in spring 2010 if it will be approved and the time frame for the money. Work might be able to start in the fall of 2011.
- Phase III – This area is outlined in blue on the Drainage Study map. There is no timetable for budgeting or construction of this phase although Mr. Mitchell indicated that pieces of this phase might be able to be done under other work situations.
- Mr. Mitchell stated that the County DPWT only deals with water issues caused by roads and does not become involved in any water issues caused by topography of private land, construction, neighbor's drainage, etc. These are considered private issues. He does, however, get calls frequently from county residents with problems.
- It appears that the Town does not become involved in private water issues as described in the item above. They refer people to the County or, if between neighbors, recommend that the participants resolve the issue between themselves. Bill Bissell said he is frequently asked during his inspections in Town about flooding, drainage from neighbors, etc. and will offer advice informally on the spot if possible solutions are visible. The question was asked during this meeting of whether the Town should offer some kind of help on private issues.



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November 10, 2008

Ms. Kathy Strom, Mayor
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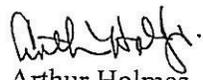
Dear Mayor Strom:

Thank you for writing me about the improvements that were implemented in the Town as part of the Chevy Chase Storm Drain Improvements Project. We are glad to hear that the Phase One improvements were proven effective during heavy storms, such as Hurricane Hanna.

The Phase One improvements were completed on time and within budget. Staff are currently analyzing the drainage conditions and evaluating the existing storm drain system in the remainder of the town. Based on their findings and the County's current criteria for storm drain design, they will develop a design for improvement where the needs warrant it. They expect to complete the analysis and design by summer 2009. A funding request will then be submitted for construction funds as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 11-12 budget. As part of the Budget process, this project will compete with other Capital Improvement Projects. In January 2010, the County Executive will submit the FY11 Recommended Capital Budget and FY11-16 Capital Improvement Program to the County Council. If the County Council approves it, funding will become available in FY11 (July 2010). Any necessary construction would begin after funding is approved by the County Council for Phase Two.

Should you have any questions about this project, please contact Mr. Michael Mitchell, Senior Engineer, at 240-777-7262. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,


Arthur Holmes, Jr.
Director

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