Lessons learned

Neighbors reflect on last summer’s historic flood as study gets underway

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Steve Reinders first met his neighbor, Roger Steiner, at a City Council meeting last July. Steiner passionately told council members that they hadn’t done enough to prevent flooding on Watersedge Trail — and that the neighborhood would take on the task itself and “have a dry street within a week.”

Two days later, the men and their neighbors had formed a tight bond and had taken back their street from record flooding in an effort described as Herculean by more than one observer. Hundreds of volunteers pitched in to get the job done.

Roger Steiner galvanized his neighborhood on Watersedge Trail to stop the flooding. Neighbors were deeply saddened by Steiner’s death in February.