

Petition to the Mayor of the City of Hamilton and the City Counsellors

From: The Residents of Maple Drive, Stoney Creek

Twenty years ago city counsellors promised that the ditch on the south side of our street (west of Millen Road) would be upgraded by having storm sewers installed and existing ditches filled. We are not asking for sidewalks to be installed but rather to have the unsafe ditches filled.

Currently there is grass from the property lines into the ditches and right to the asphalt roadways along this stretch of Maple Drive. This presents a problem as many of us are senior citizens and it is difficult for us to maintain the grassy area in those ditches due to the fact that the slopes are very steep and often times slippery when mowing our lawns.

The ditches in front of the houses numbered 28, 30 and 32 are almost a metre deep in some areas and three metres wide. These large crater like areas are not desirable for any home owner as they are dangerous and seem to devalue the property.

We have been told that the City of Hamilton has spent close to half a million dollars upgrading the ball park on the corner of Millen Road and Maple Drive (the John Santarelli Park) yet they have failed to spend much needed money repairing the south side of the street with severe issues large ditches. This park draws young people from many parts of Stoney Creek and they are often seen drinking, smoking and leaving litter all over the street. The ditches in that area are often filled with garbage from these park visitors.

The ditch across from the above mentioned park (in front of houses number 28, 30 and 32 Maple Drive) does not drain and is a breeding ground for mosquitoes during the warmer weather.

We ask that the City of Hamilton commit to fixing the issues on our street as these issues are health and safety issues for all residents and visitors to our neighbourhood.