

1202 Jefferson Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60516
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Cara Pavlicek, Manager
Village of Downers Grove
801 Burlington Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Manager Pavlicek:

We live at 1202 Jefferson Avenue with our three children, Mitchell (3 yrs), Mack (1 yrs), and Nicholas (10 wks). Our property adjoins for 297 feet the wooded Brookbank pedestrian path owned by the Village of Downers Grove.

This wooded pedestrian path is a wonderful natural asset in the neighborhood, not just for the immediate neighbors but for the wider neighborhood whose many residents use it frequently even during cold winter weather. We are all very concerned about the radical removal of the trees from this path as proposed by the "Nelson Meadow" development.

At the May 10th Village Council meeting, the Village Forester stated that the west parkway could remain undisturbed with at least half of those trees to remain, and Village Commissioners expressed their hope that the Village would be creative in order to save as many more trees as possible. We expected this to provide a buffer for our property from the development.

However recent plans show just the opposite result. The straight-through extension of Brookbank Road does the most tree damage, the north-south water main extension cuts off the western roots of the remaining trees, and the new culvert on the west curb inflicts even more harm to tree #771. It now appears that none of the trees will survive, including several not even listed on the developer's tree inventory.

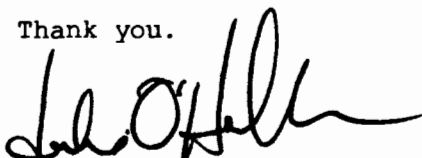
Attached is a newly obtained diagram, in which the existing conditions are shown in green and the utility plan is overlaid in red, which demonstrates the impact. This is a new graphic not previously available to the Village.

Destruction of this wooded pedestrian path will be a horrible and senseless loss, especially since more conservative alternatives to save the trees exist that are compatible with development. The Village Forester does not like these trees and has not maintained them, but we all do cherish their environmental benefits and would like to see them preserved at least until trees on the new development have a chance to be planted and grow.

We cannot understand why the Village wants to destroy the existing wooded pedestrian path just to enable the developer to squeeze one or two more houses on the land. We do not believe this Village land should be sacrificed for development when the developer has so much more land to use.

We earnestly request that you and your staff reconsider the alternatives available to the Village, so that these trees and walking path can be preserved for the future.

Thank you.

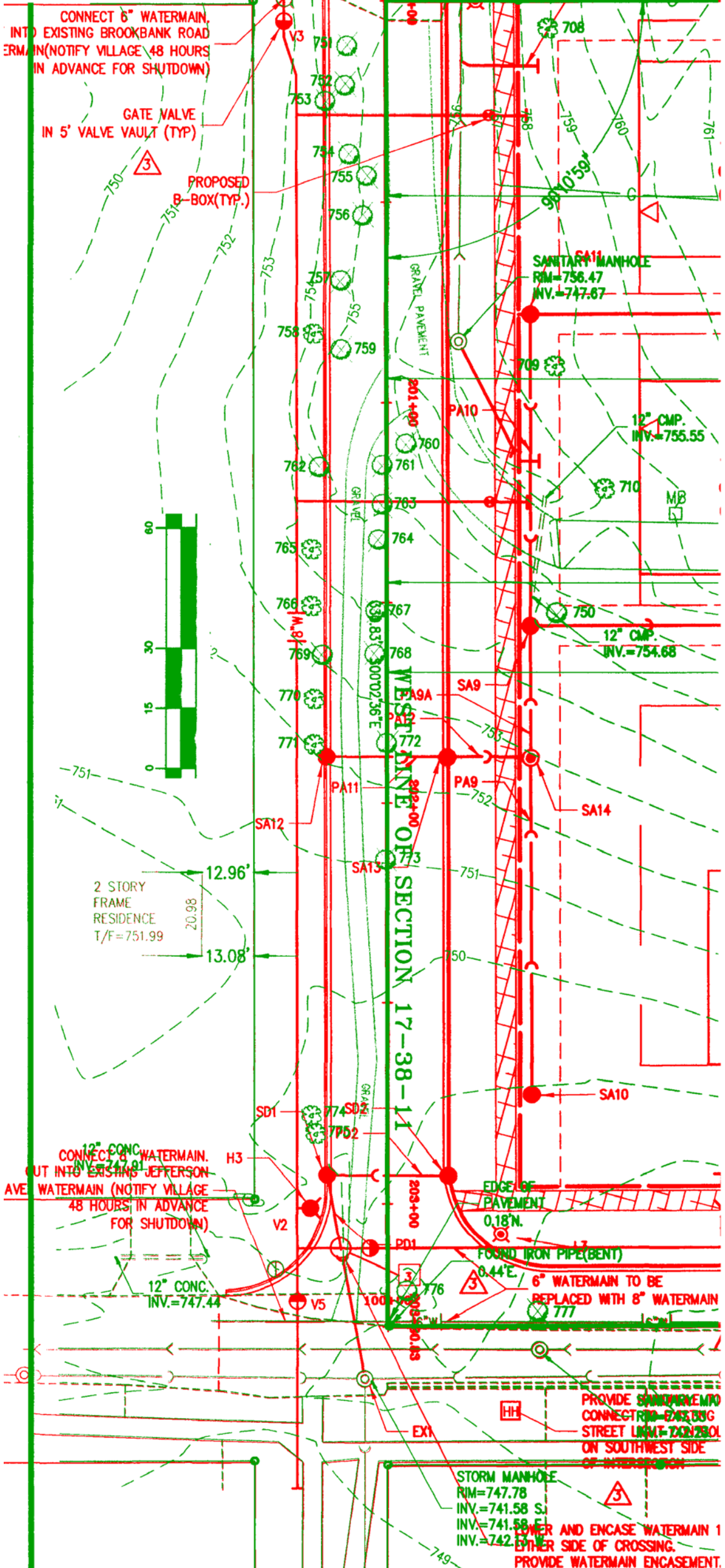


Julie O'Halloran



Rick O'Halloran

GREEN is Existing Conditions
RED overlay is Utility Plan



CONNECT 6" WATERMAIN INTO EXISTING BROOKBANK ROAD WATERMAIN (NOTIFY VILLAGE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE FOR SHUTDOWN)

GATE VALVE IN 5' VALVE VAULT (TYP)

PROPOSED 8'-BOX (TYP.)

FOUND IRON PIPE 0.19'N.
4" SANITARY SERV PVC SDR 26 @ 1.0

SANITARY MANHOLE
RIM=756.47
INV.=747.67

12" CMP.
INV.=755.55

12" CMP.
INV.=754.68

WEST LINE OF SECTION 17-38-11

2 STORY FRAME RESIDENCE
T/F=751.99

CONNECT 12" CONC. WATERMAIN OUT INTO EXISTING JEFFERSON AVE WATERMAIN (NOTIFY VILLAGE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE FOR SHUTDOWN)

FOUND IRON PIPE (BENT) 0.44'E.
6" WATERMAIN TO BE REPLACED WITH 8" WATERMAIN

PROVIDE SANITARY MANHOLE CONNECTION TO EXISTING STREET LIGHT CONTROL ON SOUTHWEST SIDE OF INTERSECTION

STORM MANHOLE
RIM=747.78
INV.=741.58 S.
INV.=741.58 E.
INV.=742.13 W.

LOWER AND ENCASE WATERMAIN 1 EITHER SIDE OF CROSSING. PROVIDE WATERMAIN ENCASEMENT.

