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- The Taft Street Drainage Improvement Project (from 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to approximately 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue) construction has begun; work will continue into the fall and next year
- Construction of the 54<sup>th</sup> Court project is primarily complete, and the landscaping and rain garden remain to be done.
- First Group Engineering is concluding their engineering work for the Meadowdale project from Pierce to Johnson Street on 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and it is hopeful that this project can be bid this year.
- Executive Director Matt Lake and Compliance Officer Joe Fish spoke at the annual Indiana Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Management (INAFSM) conference in September at a session, “Implementing an Effective Enforcement Program”. At the conference, Matt Lake received the distinguished “Excellence Stormwater Management Award”.
- Matt Lake is attempting to coordinate a meeting this fall with Bon Aire Lake residents regarding safety and formal management of that water body.
- Bids have been provisionally awarded for construction of its new building at 7404 Broadway.