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More than Mckownville residents affected by flooding

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

McKownville is in great need of a new storm sewer system.

Our one square mile neighborhood of nearly a 1,000 homes has suffered from flooding problems for years and years. Many Capital Region residents are aware that the intersection of Western Avenue and Fuller Road, near Stuyvesant Plaza, is often flooded. Thousands of commuters have found themselves stranded on Western Avenue, Fuller Road, Schoolhouse Road, the Northway and other nearby roads during this flooding, despite the best efforts of the

McKownville firefighters and Guilderland police directing traffic and setting up emergency barricades.

That is why Supervisor Ken Runion requested nearly \$6 million in federal stimulus funds be allocated for the rebuilding of the McKownville storm sewer system. He asked the McKownville Improvement Association to help him generate support for this request by having as many as possible send letters to Assemblyman Jack McEneny, Senator Neil Breslin, Congressman Paul Tonko, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Governor David

Paterson. Others, hopefully, will also write letters asking that stimulus funds be allocated for this purpose. After all, it is not just Guilderland residents who are inconvenienced by the flooding, as Mr. Runion pointed out when he put forth his request at the March 16 McKownville Improvement Association neighborhood meeting at the Holiday Inn Express.

We hope others will join us in this effort. Thank you.

Don Reeb
president

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Association