

Save Our Homes

Testimony to the Guilderland Town Board

**Don Reeb, on behalf of the Petitioners
November 8, 2012**

McKownville homeowners organized a petition drive to create a drainage district, defined the district boundaries, collected signatures from over 400 homes, asked the Town to impose a tax on district homes, asked the Town to take ownership of the privately owned storm sewers in McKownville and asked the Town to assign the Town highway department the responsibility of using the new tax money to repair and maintain the storm sewers in the McKownville district. This will give us significant relief from storm water problems while the Town searches for \$6 million in grants to pay for a rebuilding of the entire system.

We are calling upon the Town to make the privately owned portion of the McKownville storm sewers Guilderland Town owned so that maintenance and repairs can be performed regularly—and we are volunteering to contribute tax dollars to this effort so that the Town will not have to spend from its present revenues the money to maintain and repair the storm sewer system in McKownville.

We gathered signatures from 406 households on a petition that was presented to the Town Board asking that a Drainage District be formed. Nearly 91% of all households in the outlined district agreed that this was a good way to get better protection for our homes.

Everyone in Guilderland knows that McKownville has a storm water problem--we ask the Guilderland Town Board to join us in our effort of improving the protection of our homes from storm waters by approving the creation of the McKownville Drainage District.