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**TOWN OF SUSSEX – VILLAGE OF SUSSEX CORNER**



Wednesday, February 20, 2019; 11:00 AM, Local Time, Town of Sussex – Village of Sussex Corner.

**FLOOD MITIGATION MASTER PLAN TASKFORCE FORMED**

Both the Town of Sussex and Village of Sussex Corner have met since January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 flood event and have discussed a joint effort to be launched in February 2019 to discuss a Joint Flood Mitigation Master Plan assessment in both the Town and Village.

Both communities have agreed to form a “Flood Mitigation Master Plan Task Force” to explore and refine options to address overland / surface water flooding, if and where possible, and to develop a new Flood Master Plan for both communities, jointly.

Both Mayor Stackhouse and Mayor Thorne look forward to the potential Flood Mitigation Master Plan and both Councils believe the flooding events experienced is our issue and the single most important issue faced by each community and its affected properties. Mayor Thorne has stated “I believe there is a need to explore the development of a joint Master Plan to attempt to achieve a potential solution, if possible. There are technical difficulties and difficult approvals for any plan, but a solution is worthy of review”. Mayor Stackhouse has stated, “this joint effort is necessary given both communities are impacted by the common creeks and streams and our residents and property owners need this issue assessed and Village Council will support this joint effort and are pleased to support the future review by both communities.”

Both communities at their scheduled Council meetings of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, have agreed to pass a joint motion to set aside an unbudgeted sum of \$25,000.00 split 75% Town of Sussex and 25% Village of Sussex Corner to engage the appropriate professional assistance to develop a joint master plan, and to report back to both Councils at a future joint meeting, likely in July 2019.

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