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Meeting:	April 13, 2023	Attachments:
Subject:	Wilco Road Drainage Planning	Author: Maggie Bacon

Overview:

In January 2022, the Empire Village Council discussed and ultimately submitted a letter to the Leelanau Commissioners a list of potential American Rescue Plan (ARPA) projects for the Village of Empire. As noted in the minutes (reference below) was a “solution for the drainage off Wilco Road. Former Village President, Dan Davis, former Street Administrator, Sam Barr had discussions with County, the County Road Commission, the Township and the National Park Service. All expressed a desire to work with the Village – in varying capacities. In December of 2022, the Street Committee discussed this as part of the budget recommendation process.

WILCO ROAD STORM WATER RUN-OFF – Issues and solutions

Stormwater run-off picks up dirt, bacteria, sediment and other pollutants as it makes its way down the streets of Empire – untreated - and into our infiltrators. In addition, one look at the handmade culvert (created over 10 years ago) in an attempt to divert some water into a vacant lot area by Alysworth and Lake Street is degrading – some might say it has degraded completely. Addressing this issue will be a

multi-year process and it begins with a plan:

- To provide to the County as we ask for their ARPA support,
- To provide to our potential partners County Road Commission, the National Park Service and the Township and,
- To have a “grant ready project” in seeking grant funding opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

The Village Engineer, Martin Graf, working in coordination with Grobbel Environmental have drafted a single source proposal to survey and design an innovative stormwater control plan for Wilco Road. As the attached proposals indicate, this would be a comprehensive plan using the most current, innovative solutions available. The proposal includes meeting with our various potential partners to make sure the plans meet with guidelines and regulations from all angles.

This was a budgeted item for 2023-2024 with the intent to use the Village ARPA allotment. The quote from our Engineer and Grobbel Environmental exceeds the budgetd amount by approximately \$3,000.

(Excerpt from the January 13, 2022

COUNTY AARPA FUNDING – Dye wondered if anyone would attend the County Commissioners meeting. There was discussion of the items requested by the Village. County, Township and Village participation in a solution for the drainage off Wilco Road was discussed. It was noted that Barr will contact the Road Commission and Davis will contact the Township.)