



Kanawha County Commission

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Kanawha County Commission Files Lawsuit Against Capitol Flea Market Leaseholder after Continued Flooding Concerns

Charleston, WV – The Kanawha County Commission has filed a lawsuit against the parties responsible for the repeated flooding near the Capitol Flea Market, located at 2101 Greenbrier Street, Charleston, WV.

Serious flooding issues with this property arose after extensive rain on August 15, 2022, left multiple properties flooded along the 2000 block of Greenbrier Street. The Kanawha County Office of Planning and Community Development investigated and discovered that the water was being held back by a collapsed culvert system located under the parking lot of the Capital Flea market. The Planning Office issued an emergency Public Nuisance Violation on August 16, 2022, against both the property owner and the lessor.

On August 19, 2022, a contractor began pumping water out of the collapsed culvert system. On August 24, 2022, the Kanawha County Department of Planning and Development issued a letter to the lessor requiring a permit, and a Plan of Action to fix and repair the culverts. A building permit is required for the work to correct the problem and bring the matter into compliance.

Despite hiring an engineer and attorney, the lessor has failed to take the necessary steps to repair the collapsed culvert. As a result, the Commission filed the attached complaint today in Kanawha County Circuit Court.