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Protection of Septic Systems on the Commons

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Thu, Jan 16, 2025 at 11:26 AM

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Farmer's Market Manager:

As you are aware there are two septic drainfields on the Town Commons, that service nearby non-town owned properties. Recently repairs were required to one of the systems, which was paid for by the septic system owner, the bank. As part of an agreement for the bank to make these repairs, the Town agreed that it would take more positive measures to keep people in the future from driving over the septic fields, and repeating the damage that had to be repaired.

While the commons is open and accessible to the public year round, most driving around or near these drainfields occurs with VIA events. Both drain fields need to be protected from vehicles during the Farmers' Market (note Mooches' truck has been seen parked on the Museum drainfield), and the Museum drainfield needs to be protected from truck traffic unloading for Air Force band concerts.

The current method of "putting out cones" only is as effective as someone's memory as to where the septic fields are located, assuming the cones are put out in the first place. The Town is seeking a more positive and permanent deterrent so it can protect the investment made in the septic fields.

As the VIA is heavily invested in the usability and attractiveness of the commons, the Town is seeking the VIA's input on addressing this issue, hopefully by the end of February. This may allow the Town to implement any solutions prior to the May Farmers Market.

Thanks

Phil Robinson
Town of Irvington Facilities Committee

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Sun, Jan 26, 2025 at 12:07 PM

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Dear Councilman Robinson,

Thank you for allowing VIA to provide input on methods for protecting the drain fields from vehicle traffic. We feel the best approach would be to install low, removable bollards at the drain field near the bank parking lot. For visibility, we recommend that there be three bollards at each end of the bank drain field (total of six) that are approximately 18 to 24 inches high in a bright color with a white plastic chain draped across them and a sign that says "No Vehicles". For events where pedestrian flow is important (such as the Farmers Market), the VIA would remove the bollards and chains after the event is fully set-up and open. At close of each VIA event, the bollards and chains would be replaced before any vehicles are allowed back on the Commons for the event breakdown. VIA recommends that a similar approach be used to protect the museum drain field, although removable bollards may not be necessary due to existing posts where chains/signage could be attached. We would recommend that the bollards and chains be

removed for mowing to avoid them getting scratched and dinged by weed wackers. Thank you for allowing VIA to provide input. We recommend the removable bollard and chain method because we think it will be effective, minimally obtrusive, flexible to remove when needed and has the advantage of providing protection to the drain fields on the many days during the year when VIA is not holding events.

Sincerely,

Steve Kimmeth, President

Heather Sheehan, Board Member & Farmers Market Manager

Irvington Village Improvement Association

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Mary Cary Bradley <mcb Bradley@irvingtonva.gov>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 8:25 AM

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I recommend that Justin work with Heather and Steve to identify possible solutions and associated costs.

I would like for this to be on MARCH agenda. I believe this could come from the capital budget line item for the Commons.

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Phil Robinson <probinson@irvingtonva.gov>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 11:46 AM

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Agree this is a March item.

Here, in the attached power point, is the concept for the Bank Drainage field. We would contact a contractor, such as Vail Fence, to procure and install a bollard system similar to that I have shown. The VIA recommends three bollards at each end, but perhaps only two are needed. Such bollards aren't cheap, at \$300+ each, but they may be the optimal solution. Just do a google search on "removable bollards"

Personally, I would like the bollards painted green, to blend in. The chain and the sign can still be yellow for visibility...and I would rather have the bollards shorter...say 24"...if that is possible. I think the hole-covering flap is important to keep pets and children from stepping into the hole at the market.

As for the Museum septic system, there already is a 4 x 4 wood post at one corner of the drainfield. We can just put two more wood posts in, and a similar chain. I don't think these posts need to be removable...just the chain and the "no vehicles" sign.

Phil

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