



## CLAIMANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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West Allis, WI 53219

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### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete this form, print and sign it, and serve a hard copy upon the West Allis City Clerk. If you have questions about how to fill out this form, please contact a private attorney who can assist you.

### NOTICE OF CLAIM

Date of incident: 08/10/2025  
Location: 2450 S. 82nd St, West Allis, WI 53219

Time of day: early morning

Describe the circumstances of your claim here. You may attach additional sheets or exhibits. Some helpful information may be the police report, pictures of the incident or damage, a diagram of the location, a list of injuries, a list of property damage, names and contact information for witnesses to the incident, and any other information relevant to the circumstances.

Please see attached paper for this information. Thank you.

Check one:

- ☒ ..... I am seeking damages at this time (complete Claim Amount section below)  
☐ ..... I am submitting this notice without a claim for damages. This claim is not complete and will not be processed until I submit a claim for damages on a later date.

Signed: Julie Newberry Douce

Date: 11/08/2025

### CLAIM AMOUNT

To complete this claim, attach an itemized statement of damages sought. If any damages are for repair to property, include at least 2 estimates for repairs.

The total amount sought is: \$ 25,000.00

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November 8, 2025

Dear West Allis City Clerk's Office,

I am writing to make a formal claim against the City of West Allis regarding damages to our home in the August flooding. Please find below our account of the incident, description of losses, and request for compensation.

The affected address is 2450 S. 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, West Allis, WI 53219. Early in the morning of 8/10/2025, our home and others in our neighborhood were severely damaged by overflow from Honey Creek as it flows out of McCarty Park. We had flooding to the ceiling in the basement, as well as 7-8 inches on the ground level, leading to much loss of property and to our displacement from our home. We also lost a car that was parked outside; water seems to have been running down our street at least 3 feet deep, apparently because Honey Creek could not get into its underground tunnel due to a clogged grate and/or inadequate space.

We just bought the home in July 2025, but we learned after the flood that our neighborhood has flooded three times in the past 20 years, apparently due to inadequate management of Honey Creek as it goes underground leaving McCarty Park. Further, it seems MMSD bought some properties near our home, apparently with a plan of doing something about these issues... but nothing adequate was done. Since West Allis and MMSD are responsible for the creation and maintenance of the water management setup by which Honey Creek goes underground near our neighborhood, and since there is evidence that they were aware that the setup was not sufficient to prevent flooding but did not act to address the problem adequately, we feel the City of West Allis and MMSD are responsible in part for the extent of the damage to our home in the August flooding.

Our insurance covered the totaled car, but nothing else. While FEMA has covered the cost of many essential repairs, we have other expenses that go beyond the amount or kinds of coverage provided by FEMA--e.g., ongoing rental costs to live elsewhere during repairs (FEMA covered less than a month of rent, but we will likely be displaced for a total of at least four months), as well as replacement of non-safety-related items, such as couches, our toddler's birthday presents, etc. In addition, my husband and I have been significantly hindered in our professional/educational work due to having to deal with the effects of the poorly managed creek.

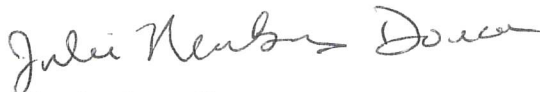
Finally, since the city and MMSD continue not to deal with this issue, we will likely need to sell our home out of concern for the safety of our small child in any future floods. (Several of our neighbors lost basement walls; one or more also had their house collapse.) We expect that the resale value of our home will be negatively affected by the ongoing flood risk.

We are requesting \$25,000 to help cover the aforementioned expenses and offset some of the effects on the resale value of our house. We also strongly urge West Allis and the MMSD to address the underlying issue with Honey Creek in McCarty Park. No one was killed this time,

but the structural damages that occurred to multiple homes in our neighborhood do create real risks to residents—and as noted above, our neighborhood has been flooded by Honey Creek multiple times in the past 20 years, not only by this most recent (extra extreme) weather event.

We have spoken with an attorney about our case and can move forward with his representation if needed, but we wanted to first try to reach an agreement with the city directly. We can also provide further documentation (rent receipts, etc.) if needed. Please let us know if you need additional information from us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Newberry Douce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Julie Newberry Douce

Note: We are unable to live at the affected property at this time due to ongoing repairs, but we can still receive mail at that address. We are currently living at a rental at 413 S. 86th St., Milwaukee, WI 53214 (though we may be moving again later in November, to a new rental). In addition, I can be reached at (805) 990-0491 or by email at [julienewberrydouce@gmail.com](mailto:julienewberrydouce@gmail.com).