Continued History of the North Shore Area

- September 19, 2012: Construction started on the North Shore Drive project.
- August 21, 2012: The City Council approved Berger Excavating as the contractor to construct the North Shore Drive project.
- April 3, 2012: The City Council approved the recommended design approach for the area around Oak Court/North Shore Drive from East Street to Baldwin Avenue.
- March 19, 2012: City staff met with the Lake Street Beach Association to present a draft plan to lessen flooding around Oak Court/North Shore Drive from East Street to Baldwin Avenue.
- February 29, 2012: City staff met with North Shore residents for a round table discussion.
- December 6, 2011: The City Council approved moving forward with the design of flooding improvements for the North Shore Drive project that included additional storm sewer to the residential homes to the west. To view meeting minutes, click here.
- Winter 2011: City's stormwater consultant continued to review additional alternatives for the North Shore Drive project and the area directly north of the Lake.
- October 12, 2010: Public information meeting held to provide residents an update on the progress of the North Shore Drive project and the area directly north of the Lake.
- Summer 2010: Due to the number of comments by residents at the June 8, 2010 meeting that did not support the presented option, and concerns that the perceived cause of the flooding (development of Lippold Park to the north) is not being fully addressed, City staff further analyzed options with Gewalt Hamilton and Associates and the Crystal Lake Park District.
- June 8, 2010: Public information meeting to present the first design option for the area north of the lake.
- Winter/Spring 2010: Significant challenges were encountered regarding the North Shore Drive project due to poor structural soils, high groundwater, water main relocation conflicts and existing topography. These challenges raised serious issues regarding the constructability of the project and the estimate of cost nearly doubled. A cost benefit analysis to determine how to proceed was completed.
- October 20, 2009: Gewalt Hamilton and Associates were selected to initiate design engineering for the area directly north of the Lake along East End, Greenfield and Crystal Beach Avenues.
- June 23, 2009: Public information meeting held that provided an overview of the flooding study and conceptual improvements to the various areas. Click here to view the presentation.
- March 2009: Flooding study completed. Study recommended that the top priority project be the elimination of North Shore Drive overtopping as this roadway is the sole access to over 250 residents. The study also recommended moving forward with an improvement for the area north of the Lake, more specifically along East End, Greenfield, and Crystal Beach Avenues.
- August 2011: Successive rain events led to approximately 11 inches of rain falling in Crystal Lake with several areas, including this one, experiencing serious flooding issues.