

Flooding Report

August , 2025



Overview

- **Village received multiple rounds of heavy rain from the evening of Saturday August 9th through the morning of Sunday August 10th.**
- **Officially over 10" of rain**
- **Reports of 15" from some residents**
- **2" of additional rain Monday AM**

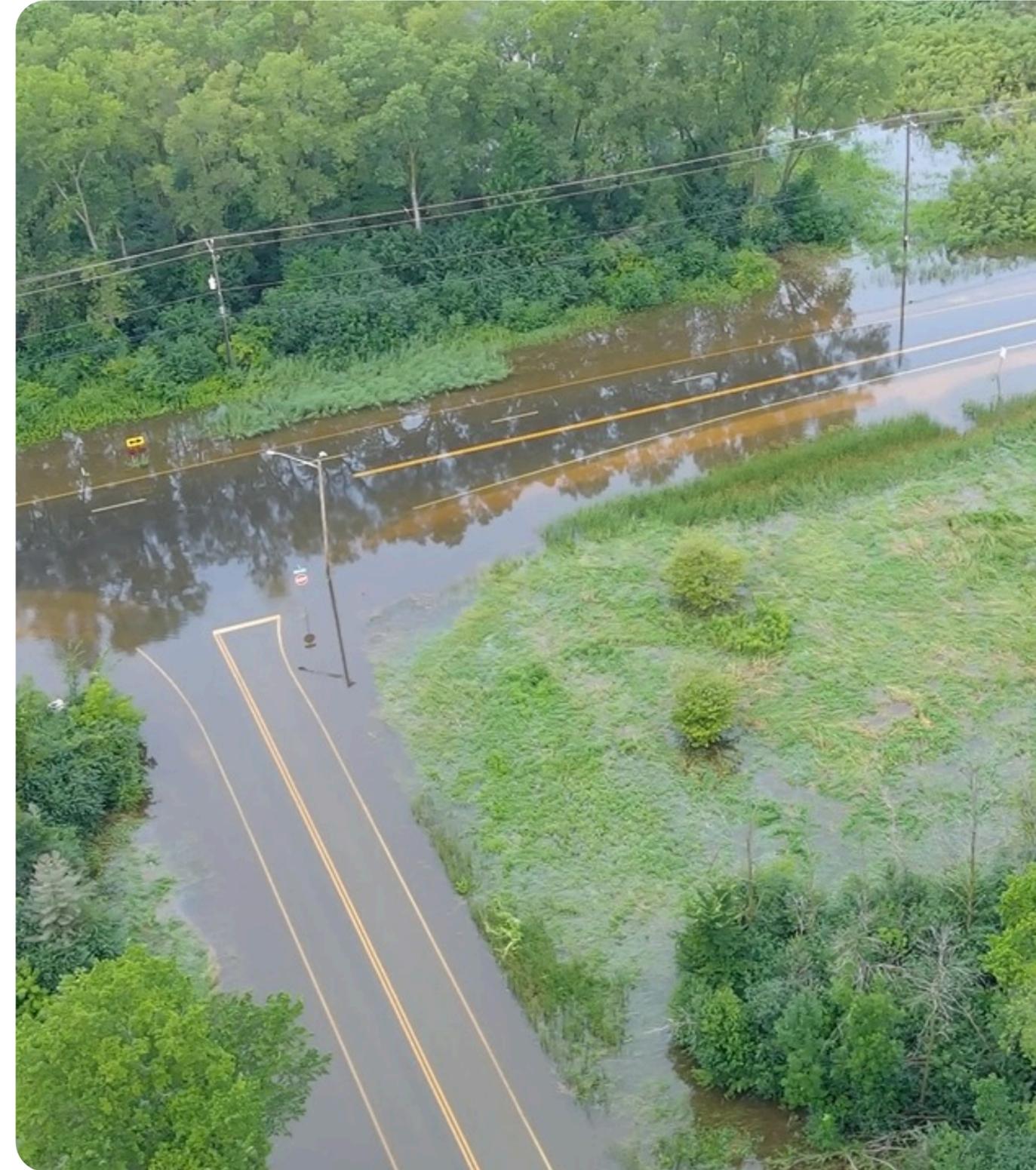
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Germantown Police Department Flooding Report



**August 10 12:01 am
to**

August 13, 6:15 pm

Officers responded to

92 calls for service



The Majority of Calls



- **Flooding**
- **Vehicles stalled in traffic due to high water**
- **Rescuing Drivers from Vehicles**
- **Debris in the Roadway**
- **Assisting Residents**



Example of Service



One resident was on the way to the hospital because she was in labor and their vehicle stalled after going through a flooded street that they live on.

An officer transported the husband and wife to the hospital due to no available rescue personnel to transport them.

NOTE: Multiple agencies assisted in the notification and evacuation on Riversbend Circle

August 10



- **Cars stuck in the roadway**
- **Female on way to give birth stuck in flooded roadway**
- **False alarms**
- **Traffic signals on County Line out**
- **Standing water on I41 under County Line Rd (many vehicles disabled)**
- **Old railroad ties flooded onto roadway**
- **Many calls of basements flooding**
- **Manhole covers popping off due to water**
- **Many vehicles disabled in flooded roadways**

August 11



- **8/11**
- **County Line Rd flooded**
- **I41 at Maple Rd had water on the freeway**
- **Rescue Call - Death Investigation**
- **Male drove into ditch Lilac & Maple / water up to windshield**
- **I41 north County Line flooding**

August 12



- **Riversbend Flooding**
 - power outage
 - residences checked
 - voluntary evacuation
- **Kids playing in flood water**

Thank You



- **Many businesses assisted all of our village agencies with meals, refreshments, and a dry place to stay.**
- **The Germantown High School was opened for those residents that were voluntarily being evacuated from Riversbend Cir, due to the power outage and rising water.**

Thank You

The following businesses are just some of the donations that employees received.



- **Bier Stube/Stillery of Germantown/Richfield** for supplying our DPW workers along with our police and fire command post with a delicious lunch of smashburgers, pizza and brats!
- **Brama's Pizzeria** blessed us with pasta and their amazing garlic bread for lunch/dinner at the PD!



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- **The owners of Milwaukee Appliance- Brittany & Tom, went out of their way to drop off water and a ton of snacks to our community members who were evacuated. Many of these goodies were also shared with other emergency workers!**
- **Panda Express of Germantown surprised us with food for lunch and dinner! They were all over the village making several drops to the command post, GHS, and the police department!**



Germantown Fire Department Flooding Report



9 Runs from 2:00 am 8/10/25 - 4:00am

45 Runs from start of Flooding through 8/13/25

27 runs same period prior year

Hours as of 2:00 PM 8/13/25 **36.25**
reg. **36.0** Overtime



Riversbend

- **80 First Responders**
- **14 Agencies**
- **30 Evacuations**
- **36 Shelter in place**
- **6 Sent to emergency shelter**
- **1 Firefighter injury**
- **1 Resident transported to hospital**
- **1 Fatality and 1 injury possibly due to CO**



Riversbend

- **6 Boats**
- **1 UTV**
- **19 Fire apparatus**
- **WCSO Command Unit**



Pumping operation FD

- **64.7 hours pumping**
- **About 1500 gallons per minute**
- **About 5,823,000 gallons pumped**



Thank You

- **Milwaukee Fire Bells**
- **Panda Express**
- **Starbucks -Germantown & West Bend**
- **The Stillery**
- **Walmart**
- **Fleet Farm**
- **Brama's Pizzeria**
- **Old Germantown**
- **Blackstone Creek**



Department of Public Works Flooding Report

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Highways, Parks, and Grounds



Storms / Flooding

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- Our storm response started on Saturday August, 10th in the evening with several trees down that highway staff addressed.
- Later Saturday night, during the heavy rain, our team responded to a traffic signal that was knocked over along county line road. That response ended around 12:30am, Sunday morning.
- At 3:00am on Sunday morning, Scott Anderson was contacted by Tim Zimmerman seeking help with the lift station. 16 of our 20 staff members quickly responded to DPW for assignment.

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- Somewhere around 3:30am, Anderson received a call from Captain Mikulec that the basement of the police department had approximately 2” of water. This was of course a priority. Staff also checked basements at all of our other facilities.
- 4-members of our department supported the sewer utility thought the day. The remaining 12-staff members were addressing area flooding, gravel washouts and cleared storm inlets and worked to remove the water from the basement of the police department. This response ended around noon on Sunday.

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- As flood waters continued to rise, threatening the lift station on Sunday evening, 4-staff members returned to help the sewer utility build a dam across the lift station driveway. This response lasted until about 12:30am Monday morning.
- 1-staff member worked through the night on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, supporting the sewer utility by monitoring pumps at the County Line lift station.

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- On Monday, 2-staff reconstructed the traffic light. All other staff members were assigned to highway shoulder / road repair or park clean up. The mulch in many park playgrounds had washed into various area of the parks. This taking place about 2-weeks after all playgrounds just had mulch added at a cost of nearly \$5000.00.
- Tuesday morning started with another round of extremely heavy rain. This created more street flooding and an increased level of threat to the sanitary lift station. Half of our team quickly responded to support the sewer utility in some fashion or another. The remaining staff, seasonal included cleared storm inlets around the village.

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- On Wednesday, all staff were assigned to flood projects in some fashion. Adjusting flooded road closures, shoulder / road repair or park clean-up.
- Thursday morning, a small crew set the County Line traffic light back in place. Afterwards, all staff were back on the same flood tasks as Wednesday.
- Friday 4-staff responded early to sweep Maple Road and open the closure as the water has receded. This crew then met up with Washington County to work collectively on reopening County Line Road. Many staff are still working on shoulder / road repair and park clean up, but this is the first day this week that we are trying to get some routine mowing maintenance completed.

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- Our team is also working on organizing our coordinated effort with Waste Management to removed residential flood debris. This project is estimated to take 3-5 weeks and will have a major impact on our regular construction season.
- In addition to this effort, we'll still be working on shoulder / road repair and finalizing our park clean up efforts.
- Even with all the additional work, next week we'll be helping the recreation department pull off what will likely be the largest Music at the Pavilion event of the season.

Debris Collection

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- Starting this week, a crew using a garbage packer rented from West Allis and a skid loader will go through Village neighborhoods picking up storm damaged debris.
- Waste Management will have a crew providing debris pick-up in Germantown, free of charge as crews are available.
- Crews will pick up items listed for “bulky item” collection on Village website.
- Collection process should be complete in 3-5 weeks.

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- Robert's Frozen Custard (facilitated a lunch for DPW staff).
- Johnson & Son's Paving of Menomonee Falls donated 4-loads of sand to fill sand bags early Monday morning. When asked, this was completed without hesitation and was critical at the time to help maintain water levels around the sanitary lift station on County Line Road.
- The Stillery donated a meal to all DPW staff and delivered it to County Line Road on Wednesday afternoon.

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- Village Clerk Donna Ott purchased and delivered pizza's for the entire DPW staff on Thursday afternoon.
- Proview Outdoor Services participated with time and equipment to help prune some trees around the lift station, carried sand bags and cleared floating trees from the bridge of the Menomonee River at County Line Road.
- Brama's donated dinner to the department and sewer utility on Wednesday evening.

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- Washington County Highway Department **supported** the village as needed throughout the event. Their staff facilitated the County Line and I-41 closures, helped move sand bags at the lift station, facilitated back up pumps, even driving to Fond du lac County to pick up a 6” pump, and coordinated with Germantown on the cleanup of County Line Road Friday morning.
- Fond du lac County **supported** the village by providing a 6” back up pump. While not needed, it was great to have a back up ready to go.

Sewer Utility Flooding Report

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Sewer Utility



Video

WISN 12 NEWS

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=2736091639919215

Timeline of Response

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- **1:57**

Superintendent Zimmerman contacted by SCADA dialer for high wet well level and back up control active at Old Farm pump station.

- **2:10**

Superintendent on site and stabilizes flows with 3rd. pump, contacts WW on-call and HWY Shop on-call for immediate response to site.

Timeline of Response

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- **2:30**

Superintendent Zimmerman contacted by SCADA dialer for high wet well level and back up control active at Old Farm pump station.

- **2:40**

Operator Kleiss arrives at Main Street he informs me that Donges Bay Road is flooded over with tons of debris including RR ties. I brief Kleiss on what the status is and begin to triage other areas of the Village. Both pump stations are stable with high wet well levels and all three pumps operating

Timeline of Response

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- **2:40 - 3:00**

Enroute back to shop, took County Line. County Line flooded over in the area of the Nor-X-Way crossing of the Menomonee River. Headed to Nor-X-Way crossing on Wasaukee Rd. It too was flooded over but passable. Contacted HWY Sup Anderson to bring in all available personnel

- **3:00 - 4:00**

As additional personnel arrived Sup Anderson mobilized both 6" pumps with hose to the Main St. location. Utility personnel set up pumps in preparation to start a SSO.

Timeline of Response

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- **4:00 - 5:00**

Utility personnel continued to monitor levels and pumps.

- **5:00**

SSO commenced at Main Street Pump Station due to critical elevation being reached, using 2 - 6" pumps at 1200 g.p.m. The reason for commencing at Main St. and not at Old Farm , is that Main Street pumps to OF so we were removing water at the source.

Timeline of Response

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● 5:00 - 6:00

Notifications per State Code for SSO

- DNR Spills hotline notified of SSO via direct communication with State Patrol Dispatch
- DNR Basin Engineer Jacob Van Sustern-Wedesky via voicemail and email
- Washington County DNR Warden Steven Schwartz notified via voicemail
- MMSD Greg Hottinger notified via email
- Milwaukee Water Works notified via email and voicemail
- South Milwaukee Ben Hoffman via Text
- City of Cudahy Tim Birkel via text
- Germantown Administration and Village Board via email
- By this time, the initial rounds of rain had stopped
- Operator Broughton arrived at 05:45

Timeline of Response

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● 6:00 - 9:00

- Operator Wudtke arrived direct at 06:45
- Operator Downs arrived at 06:45
- Additional personnel begin mobilization and set up of remaining emergency pumping equipment in anticipation of the need for a second SSO at Old Farm. Second round of intense thunderstorms begins around 07:50. Storms continued until 11:00 with rain rates approaching 5.32" per hour
- 08:50 – Second SSO initiated at Old Farm Lift Station using 3-4" pumps with a combined output of 1950 g.p.m. Second round of notifications completed

Timeline of Response

August 10



● 9:30

- River levels rising quickly, water backing up onto Main Street
- Public notification process initiated through Clerk Ott and her staff with website
- Admin Kreklow pushed notifications on Village socials
- Utility personnel deployed signage and bio-hazard tape to warn the public at the locations of the overflows
- Utility operators monitored pumps, levels, river level, and checked on the other lift stations until the SSO's ceased.

Timeline of Response

August 10



- **5:05**

Initial SSO at Main Street was terminated with a total discharge volume of 1.728 MG

- **5:30**

1-6" pump from Main St redirected to Old Farm to increase by-pass pumping an additional 1,200 g.p.m bringing total by-pass to 3,150 g.p.m. Village of Jackson Chad Russ contacted if their WWTP lab could process samples from the SSO's. At this point Main St. And Old Farm are both continuing to operate at maximum capacity.

Timeline of Response

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- **6:00**

Informed of rising river levels at Lift 6, Drain through berm closed, operators set initial 2" pump at Lift 6, 3" pump added to Old Farm SSO bring total pump output to 3,450 g.p.m.

- **8:00**

Second SSO terminated at Old Farm total volume discharged 1.248 MG, pumps are broken down and mobilized to Lift 6

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- **9:00**

Focus turns to Lift 6 and rotating operators out.

- **9:15**

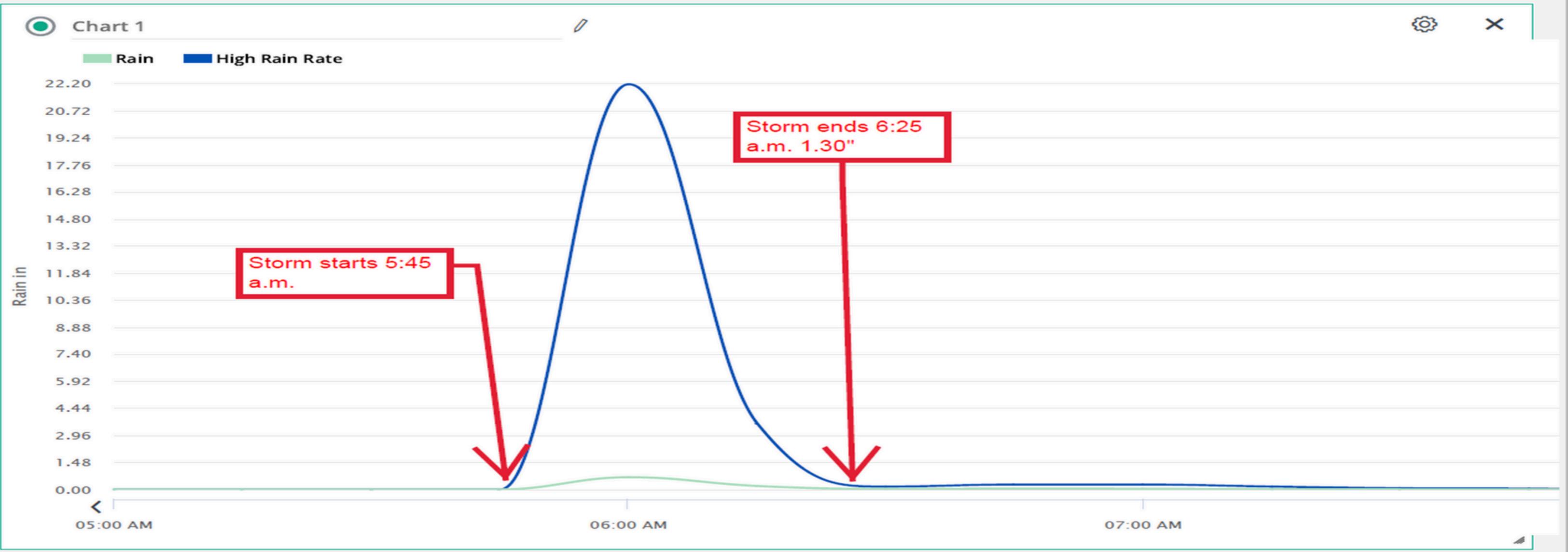
Operator Broughton out (15.5Hours)

- **11:47**

Sup. Zimmerman out (21.5 hours)

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< > 📅 Start: 08/12/25 ↕ Span: 4 hours 🕒 Start: 05:00 AM + Add Chart 📶 GTDPW



Timeline of Response

August 11



- **4:15**

Sup. Zimmerman notified of imminent flood risk do to fast rising water in the area of BW3 and Starbucks, Decision made to create a dike from dry compost and wood chips across the driveway effectively creating a island. Dike was reinforced with available VOG sandbags.

- **5:15**

Operator Kleiss rotated out (27:15) hours

Timeline of Response

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- **6:00**

Wash Co contacted for all available sand bags

- **7:00**

Wash Co arrived with 100 premade bags and 300 empty bags

- **7:30**

Hwy arrives with truck and sand. 300 sand bags deployed, Operator Wudtke rotated out (24.45 hours)

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- **8:00**

GFD contacted for an engine to help pump, Wash Co. deploys hard closure of Hwy. Q, Current assets deployed at 6 – 1-3”, 2-2”, 3-4”, 2-6”

- **8:30**

GFD 1764 arrives boosting pump volume an additional 1500 g.p.m. total pumping = 6,450 g.p.m.

- **9:00**

LCS contacted for all available sandbags. 300 at MKE, 500 at Oshkosh

Timeline of Response

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- **9:30**

Operator Broughton clocks

- **10:00**

Operator Downs rotates out (27:15 hours), 300 bags arrive HWY begins to fill and stock pile river continues to rise

- **10:30**

Emergency order for 1000 bags placed with Clearview Packaging in Milwaukee has stock in IA. Pumping Operations Continue

Timeline of Response

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- **1:30**
Operator Downs clocks
- **2:30**
Operator Kleiss clocks
- **3:00**
Operator Wudtke clocks
- **6:15**
Operator Broughton rotates out (13:30 hours)

Timeline of Response

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- **8:00**
3" pump fails, LCS contacted for a replacement
- **9:00**
LCS onsite with replacement 3" Checking inventory on 4's and 6's will talk in morning, delivers 500 bags from Oshkosh
- **9:30**
Sup. Zimmerman Rotates out (17:13 hours)

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- **10:15**

Op. Downs Rotates out (8:45 Hours)

- **10:30**

22:30 – Kleiss Rotates out (8:00 hours)

Timeline of Response

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- **5:29**

Sup. Zimmerman clocks

- **5:45**

A brief but very intense thunderstorm drops 1.30” in 45 minutes threatening dike with intense erosion, and additional flooding of lift station control room, Dike covered with plastic sheeting and tarps reinforced with tarps.

- **6:00**

Kleiss clocks, Downs clocks

Timeline of Response

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● 7:00

- GFD 1764 goes down with engine code
- LCS contacted for all available 6” pumps

● 9:00

LCS arrives with 4 6” pumps 2 immediately deployed, 2 kept for reserve, and a spare 3”

Timeline of Response

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- **9:30**

Decision made to raise the height of berm with straw bails as river continues to rise, 60 bales deployed and staked in place, reinforced with sandbags, Operator Wudtke rotates out (18:30 Hours)

- **9:55**

County Line corridor loses power, Lift 6 generator running

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- **10:30**

LCS arrives with 2- 4” pumps for spares, Menomonee Falls delivers a 6” with hose for spare, Wash Co. delivers multiple pumps for spares Fleet Farm Parking lot used for staging of Emergency Management Resources. River has yet to crest.

- **10:47**

Menomonee River crests at County Line Bridge

- **11:00**

GFD 1764 back on site providing additional pumping current output 13,000 g.p.m.

Timeline of Response

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- **2:17**

Water gone from Main Street

- **4:00**

Operator Downs rotates out (10:00 hours)

- **4:45**

Operator Wudtke clocks

- **7:00**

Operator Kleiss rotates out (13 hours)

- **7:18**

Sup. Zimmerman rotates out
(13:19 hours)

Timeline of Response

August 13

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- **5:30**
Sup. Zimmerman clocks
- **6:00**
Downs clocks, Kleiss clocks
- **7:00**
 - GFD 1764 repositioned for better draft
 - Goal set to continue to pump until Rivers Bend was fully accessible to residents.
- **9:15**
Operator Wudtke rotates out
(16:30 hours)

Timeline of Response

August 13

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- **5:45**

Kleiss rotates out (11:45 hours)

- **8:49**

Sup Zimmerman rotates out (15:22)

- **9:00**

Operator Broughton clocks, Operator Downs rotate out (15:00 hours)

Timeline of Response

August 14

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- **5:30**

Sup. Zimmerman clocks

- **6:00**

Operators Kleiss, Wudtke, and Downs clock, Goals set for today are all water gone from Rivers Bend currently at 90%, release GFD 1764 as soon as feasible, stop all pumping

- **8:30**

Operator Broughton rotates out (11:30 hours)

Timeline of Response

August 14



- **9:15**

GFD 1764 released, roads in Rivers Bend passable

- **4:00**

Meet with Wash Co for re-opening plan for Q. Goal set for noon Friday, Crews in by 6 to start clean up, LCS removes spare pumps, Menomonee Falls removes pumps, Wash Co. Emergency Management picked up spare pumps, VOG operators breakdown all 4-inch pumps and hoses.

Timeline of Response

August 14



- **4:15**
Operator Downs rotates out (10:15 hours)
- **4:38**
Zimmerman, Wudtke rotate out (13:09 hours) (12:30 hours)
- **5:30**
Operator Kleiss rotates out (11:30 Hours)
- **6:00**
Pumping operations ceased, access to Q blocked, all Equipment secured

Timeline of Response

August 15

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- **5:30**

All operators clocked, Break down all pumps and hoses, HWY sweeping road, clean around BW3 and Starbucks, remove all traffic control LCS removes remaining pumps

- **7:24**

County Line re-opened to traffic all lanes.

Timeline of Response

August 15

Hours Worked by Employee:

- Brett Wudtke – 104.50
- Eric Kleiss - 91.50
- Tim Zimmerman – 96.09
- Beau Downs – 62.75
- Travis Broughton – 64.5

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Support / Doners

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- Lincoln Contractors Supply – Pumps and Hoses
- Washington County Emergency Management – Pumps and Hoses
- Village of Menomonee Falls – Pumps and Hose – Offer of Personnel if needed
- Village of Jackson – Laboratory Analysis of samples – Personnel if needed
- Village of Grafton – Pumps if needed
- Dodge County Highway Department – Pumps if needed
- J. Miller Electric – Installation of an external receptacle at Lift 6
- Washington County Highway Department – Road Closure Highway Q
- GFD – Engine 1764
- GPD – Closure Enforcement, Emergency Management Coordination
- WISN 12 – Awesome Video Footage, accurate reporting
- Clearview Packaging - Sandbags

Food for Thought

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1 inch of water on 1 acre of land equals approximately 25,000 gallons, or the rough equivalent of 5 semi-tanker trucks

Germantown is approximately 23,040 acres in size

Storm Total was 10.58 inches of rain, totaling 6 billion, 94 million, 80 thousand gallons

6,094,080,000 Gallons storm total or

12 million,188 thousand, 160;

12,188,160 semi- tanker trucks

Food for Thought

6,094,080,000 Gallons

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Damage Assessment and Reporting Process

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Damage Assessment

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- Worked cooperatively with Washington County Emergency Management and Wisconsin Emergency Management
- Working to provide estimates of public and private property damage to Washington County Emergency Management to be use for FEMA funding request.
- Village Engineer leading review of damage to public property and estimating repair/replacement costs.
- Village Clerk's Office established an emergency call-in line for residents with damage to their homes. County added 211
- Building Inspection/Safebuilt took the lead on assessments of damage reported on private property.

Damage Estimates: Reporting Process

- **Estimates of damage to public property due at noon Tuesday.**
- **Data on number of homes damaged due at noon Tuesday.**
- **Local Impact Statement due on Wednesday.**
- **FEMA may conduct additional future inspections of destroyed homes and homes with major damage.**
- **Process for receiving FEMA funds may take months.**

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Damage Estimates: Public Property

- Debris Removal: \$25,800
 - Emergency Protective Measures: \$53,169
 - Roads and Bridges: \$171,236
 - Water Control: \$47,500
 - Buildings and Equipment: \$159,874
 - Utilities: \$18,500
 - Parks and Rec: \$8,200
- TOTAL \$484,279**

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Damage Estimates: Private Property

- Received a total of 551 calls as of 8:00 this morning. The majority of these calls were answered by Village staff.
- Safebuilt and staff completed 634 damage assessments.
 - 0 homes destroyed
 - 28 homes with major damage
 - 285 homes with minor damage
 - 231 affected by flood
 - 90 homes were inaccessible
- FEMA may inspect homes with major damage or inaccessible to determine availability of federal assistance.

Raw Water Testing Results

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Raw Water Testing Results

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- On Monday the Water Utility increased testing of raw water (directly from wells) to monitor potential contamination.
- Friday raw water testing showed coliform at wells #2,5 and 7. and E.coli at well 7.
- Coliform is a common and generally harmless bacteria. E. coli can cause serious illness.
- No contamination was found in any treated water distributed to residents.

Raw Water Contamination

Action Steps

- Water utility shut down well 7 and increased amount of chlorine used for treatment.
- Water utility flushed hydrants in the area to pull more chlorine in the distribution system.
- Informed residents of positive tests and recommended testing of private well water or boiling.
- Additional samples tested over the weekend and no additional positives for E. coli.

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Raw Water Contamination

Next Steps

- Continue increased testing of raw water.
- Analyze potential sources of contamination and develop remediation plan for well 7.
- Provide additional information to private well owners about testing and maintenance of their wells.

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Additional Thank You's

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- Too many people, businesses and organizations to remember everyone.
- The residents of Germantown for their patience, cooperation and assisting their neighbors.
- Village employees who stepped and helped out. Some in big ways and some in smaller ways, but everyone pitched in.
- Germantown businesses who donate food, water, space and many other items to assist our efforts.
- Our government partners, especially GSD and Washco.