



Gibson City Homeowner's Stormwater Mitigation Program

Goal: To provide direct assistance to homeowners to help mitigate stormwater in their basements and crawl spaces through monetary support as well as providing additional cost-effective ideas and potential solutions that will help to lessen the impact on older homes that do not have overhead plumbing and that do not presently have sump pumps or check valves from stormwater events and when Drummer Creek and tributaries back up.

Funding: Funding to come from City savings. The program will not impact other City funding already designated to other ongoing and future planned stormwater drainage improvements.

Program Begins: September 21, 2026

Program: The program is very simple and straightforward. It is also very cost effective and directly targets stormwater issues in homeowner's basements and crawl spaces which is a major concern to homeowners.

This program is just part of the many efforts by the City, our staff, contractors, engineers and other governmental bodies to continue to help minimize the impact of larger stormwater events in Gibson City. The Mayor and City Council would designate \$50,000 towards the program to assist homeowners that do not presently have a sump pump system or check valve in their basement or crawl space.

Based on the input of local licensed plumbers, the average cost of a new sump pump system in a home is approximately \$1,500.00 plus or minus. The City would provide homeowners with a \$1,000.00 rebate if they have a

licensed plumber install a new sump pump system in their home. The City will also provide homeowners with two thirds of the cost of a check valve/back flow preventer installed on their sanitary outlet up to \$1,000.00. Program **does not** cover cost to replace existing sump pumps or check valves.

The sump pump system is defined as an installation of a sump pump, sump pump basin and discharge line that directs water away from the home and may not be connected to the sanitary sewer system.

A check valve/back flow preventer is defined as a device that prevents the sanitary system from backing up into a home.

Details: Applications/approval forms will be available at Gibson City Hall located at 101 E. 8th St. in Gibson City during normal business hours. Call 217-784-5872 for more information.

Sump pump system or check valve must be installed by a licensed plumber.

The program only includes owner-occupied homes.

Program is on a first come, first serve basis and will end when the funding is exhausted.

Program only includes one sump pump system or check valve per home.

Only includes homes that do not currently have a sump pump system or check valve.

New sump pump systems or check valves installed must meet local, state, and federal codes and must be inspected and approved by the Wastewater/Stormwater Superintendent or qualified department staff prior to the rebate being issued.

Before and after photos must be taken of the location where the sump pump system is to be installed and also after installation from

approximately 10' clearly showing before and after details and must be attached to the completed application for approval.

Program does not include repair or replacement of an existing sump pump system or existing check valve.

Program does not include businesses, churches, rental properties, etc. Only owner-occupied homes are eligible.

Some participating local plumbers are listed below and will provide a free assessment of owner-occupied homes.

Applicants will complete the applicant portion of the Applicant/Approval form and submit complete application to City Hall located at 101 E. 8th St. in Gibson City during normal business hours (8-4, M-F).

The Gibson City Administration Department will number the application (1 – 50) and log the information on the applicant portion of the application and make a copy and return the application to the homeowner.

Copy of the application will be scanned and emailed to Superintendent of Wastewater/Stormwater John Bobera for his records.

Homeowners will have a maximum of **ninety (90) days** from date of filing the application at City Hall to have sump pump system or check valve installed by a licensed plumber.

When the sump pump system or check valve is installed and required supporting documentation including a copy of the receipt from a licensed plumber, before and after photos, plumber's licensed number, etc. has been submitted to the Administration Department at City Hall this documentation will be given to Superintendent Bobera for an inspection and approval if all requirements have been met.

If approved, applicants will receive a \$1,000.00 check from the City of Gibson within thirty (30) days of approval of sump pump system or check valve installation.



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APPLICATION/APPROVAL FORM

Applicant Portion

Application Number _____

Date ____/____/____

Name of (Occupied) Homeowner _____

Address _____ Gibson City, IL 60936

Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____

Superintendent Portion

Inspection Date ____/____/____

Time of Inspection __: __

Approved by _____

Were required before and after photos provided? Yes No

Did installation meet required local, state and federal codes? Yes No

Was a copy of the receipt attached from a licensed plumber? Yes No

Was plumber's license number provided? Yes No

Name of Licensed Plumber _____

License Number _____

Other Potential Solutions to help Mitigate Stormwater:

- Additional sump pump systems if needed
- Back-up sump pumps
- Standpipes
- Drain Plugs
- Back-up Generators
- Sealing of basement walls and windows
- Tiling around foundations
- Keep gutters clean and add extensions to down spouts
- Keep ditches mowed, weed free, and culverts clear of debris
- Alarms

Note: Always consult with a licensed plumber prior to making any improvements, additions or changes to your stormwater management system.

Some participating, local plumbers that will offer a free visual inspection:

JC's Heating-Cooling & Plumbing, Inc.

304 E. 1st St.

Gibson City, IL 60936

PH: 217/784-2099

Illinois License #: 055-042508

Houston Plumbing, Heating and Cooling

123 S. Sangamon Ave.

Gibson City, IL 60936

PH: 217/784-4422

Illinois License #: 055-001622

Bell Plumbing

109 W. 18th St.

Gibson City, IL 60936

PH: 217/781-2115

Illinois License #: 058-194770