

Storm Water Maintenance

The city is doing its best to maintain the storm water system in order to minimize flood risks to the public right of way during normal rain events (streets and sidewalks). The system here is designed to facilitate only typical rain storms and may not handle flash flood events or long duration heavy rain threats.

The City of Paris storm water system includes:

- Storm drains, manholes, and driveway culverts.
- Miles of ditches and drain channels.
- Miles of drain pipes.

To ensure that the storm water system functions as designed, the city manages:

- Public roadway flooding.
- Ditch erosion that threatens or impacts infrastructure (utilities and roadways).
- Roadside ditches.
- Drains under the roadway.
- Clogged storm drains.
- Street cleaning.

There are numerous drainage concerns that do not affect public safety and are therefore not managed by the city:

- Weed removal.
- Ditch mowing.
- Storm water runoff from one property to another.
- Springs and groundwater flow.
- Flooding due to the floodplain.
- Sinkholes on private property that do not affect infrastructure.