

NanoTech must redirect its flow

McKownville is a wonderful neighborhood in Guilderland — about 1,000 homes in one square mile — that straddles Western Avenue and Fuller, Schoolhouse and McKown roads. Its neighbors include the University at Albany, the city of Albany, the Thruway and Northway.

The neighborhood has experienced terrible flooding problems. Many will remember numerous Times Union photos of the flooded intersection at Fuller Road and Western Avenue.

Undoubtedly, the neighborhood flooding has been exacerbated by the acres of paving at Crossgates, Crossgates Commons, Stuyvesant Plaza, the Northway, the Thruway, UAlbany and its Albany NanoTech complex.

More recently, NanoTech redirected its storm water. It had flowed north into Patroon Creek and now flows south down Fuller Road, through McKownville and into the Krumkill.

The neighborhood has asked NanoTech to get its storm water out of McKownville, but with no success.

At a July 22 meeting about reconstruction of the Fuller Road/ Washington Avenue intersection, which adjoins the NanoTech site, Assemblyman John McEneny suggested that when the

intersection is rebuilt, the time would be right to redirect NanoTech's storm water north into Patroon Creek, following its original path.

McKownville very much wants NanoTech's storm water out of the



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neighborhood and NanoTech very much wants the intersection rebuilt. McEneny's suggestion is a perfect solution.

It would be irresponsible for NanoTech to continue to dump its storm water in McKownville when a \$22 million tax-financed intersection is being built, in great part for its benefit. It would cost but a few additional tax dollars to reroute the storm water to Patroon Creek.

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