

VISUAL EVIDENCE APPENDIX

Seymour Road Drainage — 6385 Seymour Rd, Swartz Creek, MI

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Each image is labeled with its date and what it shows. “Video still” = a frame captured from one of the flood videos. Full-resolution originals and the videos are in the accompanying folders.

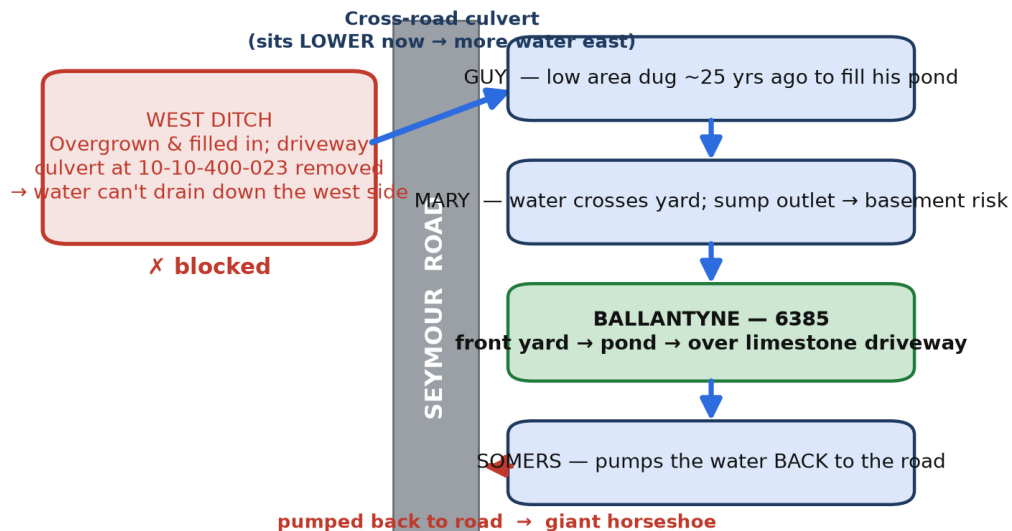
► VIDEO OF THE FLOODING — “Seymour Road Water Damage” (about 40 seconds):
vimeo.com/1201855236



Scan to watch

Orientation — how the water moves

How the water moves — the “horseshoe” off Seymour Road and back



FEMA Zone X (minimal flood hazard): this is drainage-induced flooding, not a natural floodplain.

The road's cross-culvert pushes west-side stormwater east onto private land, which crosses four parcels and is pumped back to the road.

A. Chronic flooding — predates the construction



Exhibit A1 — Mar 31, 2023: a drainage outlet discharging a concentrated flow onto the property; standing water beyond. The problem long predates the 2026 road work.



Exhibit A2 — Nov 24, 2024: fast-moving water has cut a deep eroded channel along the edge of the limestone driveway.

B. Flood events (video + stills)

Full video: “Seymour Road Water Damage” — vimeo.com/1201855236



Exhibit B1 — Apr 2, 2025: stormwater sheeting across the front yard and over the driveway (the light band is water crossing the drive).



Exhibit B2 — Apr 2, 2025: the drainage line running full across the property.



Exhibit B3 — Jul 10, 2024 (video still): the yard under sheet-flow during a storm event.



Exhibit B4 — Jul 10, 2024 (video still): standing floodwater across the lawn near the outbuildings.

C. Resident-funded mitigation — I paid to roughly DOUBLE the outflow

To try to keep up with the water the road sends across the property, the owner paid to roughly double the outflow capacity at the pond and under the driveway. The moving water still overwhelms it and destroys the driveway.



Exhibit C1 — Aug 5, 2024: TWO culverts installed under the driveway at the pond (doubled capacity) to try to carry the flow.



Exhibit C2 — Aug 5, 2024: the pond outlet structure — two outlets where there was effectively one before.



Exhibit C3 — Aug 6, 2024: rock-lined channel the owner built to manage the concentrated flow.



Exhibit C4 — May 6, 2025: that channel running full of moving water.

D. The cross-road drain (the mechanism)



Exhibit D1 — Jun 15, 2026: the cross-road culvert outlet on the east side (old flattened pipe at left, new concrete box at right) discharging water onto private land behind the white fence.



Exhibit D2 — Jun 15, 2026: that discharge running into a shallow, freshly graded ditch on private property — not a road ditch.

E. West side of Seymour Rd — the water can no longer drain away

These west-side parcels do not flood like the east side. The problem is that the west ditch can no longer carry water away — it is overgrown/filled and the driveway culvert at parcel 10-10-400-023 was removed — so water backs up and is forced across the road onto the east (flooding) side.

Exhibits E1–E2 — Google Street View (May 2025), west side of Seymour Rd showing the open ditch / driveway approach BEFORE the work. (Save the two Street View images into the “7 - West side - Street View” folder; they slot in here.)



Exhibit E3 — Jun 15, 2026 (AFTER): the approach at parcel 10-10-400-023 where the driveway culvert was removed; survey stakes / flags present.



Exhibit E4 — Jun 15, 2026 (AFTER): the west-side ditch left overgrown and un-re-ditched alongside the construction equipment.

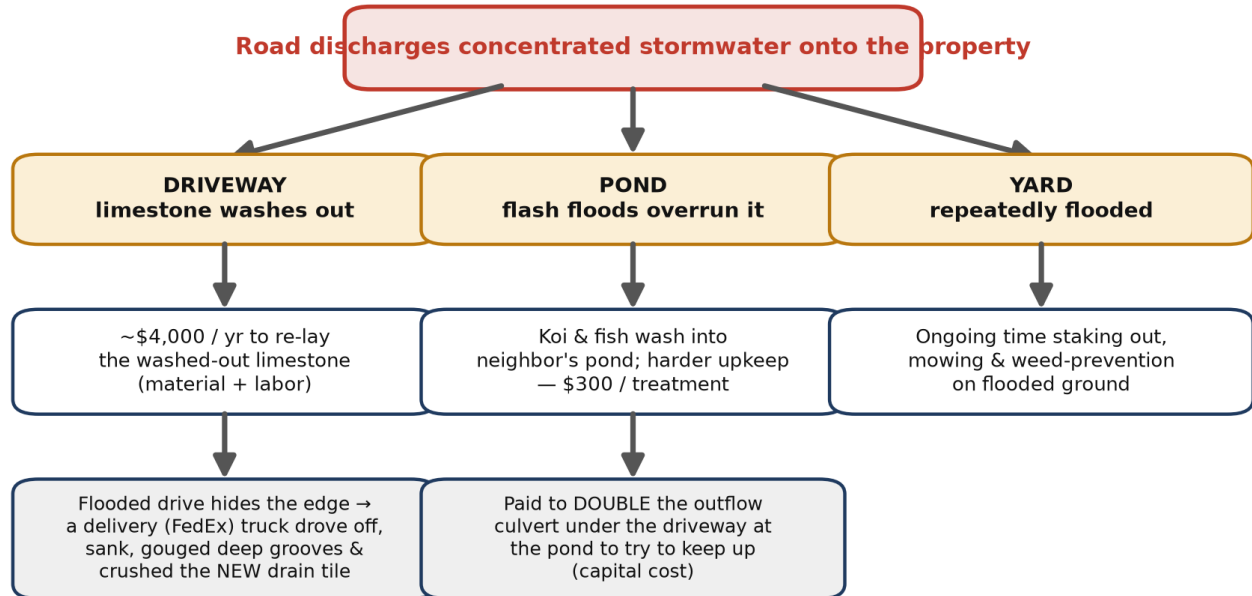
F. Mary's sump pump — basement at risk



Exhibit F1 — Jun 15, 2026: Mary's home sump-pump outlet (teal pipe) draining toward the rear tree line. Pre-construction the water crested ~1" below this outlet; the lowered grade now threatens her basement.

G. The cascading cost

The cascading cost of the road's water on 6385 Seymour Rd



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