

## **Enclosure 5: Damage Cost Assessment.**

Area residents continue to deal with the effects of the flooding of their homes, which has now passed the two-year mark. Texas Township officials and the County Drain Office, along with many others, have invested countless hours in trying to help develop a solution. The damage estimate is significant. Texas Township has spent over \$275,000.00 in providing assistance with flood mitigation efforts, including legal fees, engineering, publications and repairing roads, and an additional \$30,000.00 in upfront expenses for developing the long-term solution. The Kalamazoo Drain office has spent about \$190,000 (to date) in providing assistance to residents impacted by the flooding. It is estimated that the Kalamazoo County Road Commission has spent over \$300,000 in repairing the road infrastructure. Freedom of Information Act requests have been submitted to various local government entities to fully capture the exact spend to date.

In addition to the spending by government, Texas Township residents have been assessed approximately \$1.9 million in a new Special Assessment District to implement the short-term pumping solution designed to provide relief for our flooding situation. The tree damage for residents is extensive and catastrophic – we estimate there are thousands of acres damaged and tens of thousands of trees (many very mature) that have died because they have been standing in water for over two years. Out-of-pocket costs for seawalls, basement drainage systems, and other emergency repairs by residents are estimated to be well over \$5 million and are likely to double with further home repairs and thousands of tree removals when the flood waters recede.