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Flood talk not receding

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County officials meet with FH Flood Committee

Lake County officials continue to meet with community leaders to discuss flooding concerns throughout the county.

County commissioners and Utilities Department officials recently

met with the Fairport Harbor Flood Committee, said Utilities Department Director Rick Martin.

"It was a good exchange and we made some progress and we agreed to meet again," Martin said.

Commissioner Daniel P. Troy

said there also was a meeting and communication with the city of Mentor.

Martin said they also have met with Grand River Mayor Christopher Conley.

"I think we're trying to create as

good an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation between us and member communities who are part of our sanitary sewer system and just trying to get an understanding as to what may be causing some

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of the flooding problems," Troy said.

He said officials want to figure out exactly what can be done and to try to get cooperation between local governments.

Control of stormwater runoff also plays an important role, Troy said.

"It's a general problem, the good thing is we're sitting down and talking about what we can do mutually and trying to get away from the finger pointing," he said.

Martin and Lake County Stormwater Management Department Director Tim Miller said discussions have involved engineers, along with stormwater and sanitary sewer officials.

"We're starting to look at these issues with an integrated approach to see how we can work together to minimize these events from occurring more frequently," Miller said.

Troy said in a lot of cases,

myths have to be separated from facts.

"A lot of times you hear from folks that none of this (flooding) happened until this development went in and they changed the typography," he said. "We need to find out what is fact, what is speculation and what is myth."

In other action, commissioner reappointed Fairport Harbor Administrator David McGuirk, Concord Township Administrator Lee Bodnar and Perry Village Mayor Vicky Stevens to the Lake County Stormwater Advisory Board.

Terms for Bodnar and Stevens expire Sept. 12, 2016. McGuirk's term expires Oct. 24, 2016.

Commissioners also were formally introduced to Sandra E. Murphy, who is the new director and law librarian for the Lake County Law Library located in the county courthouse in Painesville.

For more information about the county Law Library, visit: www.lakecountyohio.gov/lclawlibrary/Home.aspx.