
Wakonda Drive Neighborhood Project

October 10, 2016

Wakonda Drive Residents & Property Owners,

At the October 6, 2016 City Council meeting, information was provided on the status of the unsatisfactory re-seeding work that was done on Wakonda Drive. After meeting with multiple contractors on site, it was decided that the proposal to use "Terra Seeding" would not address the basic problem of the poor soil that contains rock and other debris. The decision was made to have a contractor remove the topsoil completely prior to any seeding efforts and replace it with fresh black dirt. This work will take 2 to 3 weeks under good weather conditions and the reseeded area would take another week under the same conditions.

We are now at the point in the season for seeding where the threat of frost is possible within the next three weeks. If we were to move forward with the reseeded area now and the seed germinates, and then freezes, it would not survive. In order to prevent any further issues with the reseeded/restoration project, it has been decided to wait until next spring when conditions are more favorable for a successful result. Since we currently have established some growth, this will offer some erosion control protection through the late fall and early spring.

We realize prolonging this project further is the last thing anyone wants to see take place, but we are committed to provide property owners with a satisfactory end product.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. You can do so by email at NCISWakonda@norwalk.iowa.gov or by calling City Hall at 515-981-0228 extension 2221.