

Storm Drain System and Flooding

A storm drain system is a network of constructed inlets, underground pipes, drainage channels, and other structures that carry and temporarily hold stormwater to be discharged into streams and waterways. A storm drain system's main role is flood control.

Flooding does not always indicate a problem with the storm drain system. In many areas, streets, greenbelts, parks, and other areas are used to convey or store stormwater. Even during periods of drought, we can experience flooding after heavy rains. One of the areas prone to flooding in the Grand Valley is Bosley Wash between Clifton and Palisade. Floodwaters have made Highway 6 between Clifton and Palisade impassable in the past and has flooded homes and farmlands. Studies have been performed on this area for the purpose of alleviating these problems. There are 28 major washes in the Grand Valley to be studied with corrective action to be taken.