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Council addresses historic flooding with three pieces of legislation

The basement flooding that occurred in 2008 and 2010 during the 100-year storm events may now be a memory, but the City of Milwaukee continues to work to prevent such problems from occurring again, according to **Alderman Terry L. Witkowski**.

Just this week, the Common Council passed three flood control measures. Two of them create partnerships with Milwaukee County that delegate each municipality's responsibilities for the design, construction and maintenance of storm water facilities and park improvements in Copernicus Park and Dineen Park. Those partnerships have also received approval from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

"Each area is different, and there are no cheap, quick or easy fixes to these problems," Alderman Witkowski said. "I am proud to have led the way on this precedent-setting effort that will allow us to work with the county to not only add some great park amenities, but also create some attractive neighborhood flood prevention measures in these parks for the first time ever."

Alderman Witkowski said it is anticipated that the new storm water facilities will help reduce property damage, economic losses and unsafe conditions caused by historic and repeated flooding in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The council also approved a measure to keep clear rainwater out of broken sanitary laterals that cause basement backups in an area between W. Layton Avenue and W. Edgerton Avenue from S. 20th Street to S. 27th Street. That project will start in April.