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Abstract This interview is about a storm water management project on Milligan Avenue in the Bellaire Puritas Neighborhood. Melissa Miller works for the BPDC and they are committed to solving problems of storm water overflow from the Big Creek Tributary in the neighborhood.

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Special Notes minutes:

- 0 Melissa Miller, introduction, Born in Cleveland, Shaker Hts.  
Bellaire Puritas is a post world war two neighborhood, very different from Shaker Hts.
- 1 West Side is more convenient.  
Bellaire Puritas Development Corp. hired her, lived in neighborhood since 2002.  
Project is storm water management, The Big Creek tributary runs through
- 2 neighborhood
- 3 Watershed, waterflow regulation through neighborhood
- 4 stormwater management potential and recent water pollution control project  
How can the organization participate? Two stormwater projects-obtaining hut houses
- 5 to return vacant properties to productive use.  
Demolishing of houses on W. 131st. Working with other organizations on land use
- 6 and storm water management  
lot innovation-water doesn't expand currently into lot. Possible pocket wetland to
- 7 allow overflow, possible enhanced filtration trench
- 8 Patterns of trenches
- 9 Milligan Lot-New Culvert replaced
- 10 all sites have flooded in the past, community is aware of problems.
- 11 Milligan Gardens and Bat Box installment
- 12 benefits of a healthier eco friendly creek
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- 14 native plantings, backyard trenching, rain gardens usage
- 15 Rain Barrel explanation and disbursement
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- 18 land uses
- 19 creating greenspace
- 20 Uses of the land, sewer tax incentives for participating
- 21 urban Planning background, help in plant selection.
- 22 soil needs, deer protection needs
- 23 Cuyahoga Preservation District, EPA testing
- 24 significance of funding from re-imagining cleveland
- 25 Support of Cleveland Networks, creating a green community
- 26 outside of Cleveland issues
- 27 Expansion of project, more lots, more info on stormwater management
- 28 Neighborhood activity and support
- 29 Future, raise peoples awareness
- 30 continuation on search for funding
- 31 creating a community families want to live in

32 housing development, new home construction  
33 help from area businesses, wirenet partnership  
34 neighborhood youth programs, art programs  
35 mediation programs  
36 poor soil  
37 Space will look better, provide healthier gardens  
38 Creek Cleanup day, first Saturday in June  
39 Long term and short term residents  
40 Continuing education  
41 End